

**WASHINGTON** -- U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) voted against the \$500 billion budget agreement worked out by President Clinton and congressional leaders because it does not save the budget surplus for Social Security and tax relief.

"Just a few weeks ago, I joined a bipartisan majority in the House that voted to protect the nation's budget surplus from more government spending and preserve it for use for only two purposes: saving Social Security and providing hard-working Americans with tax relief. The current budget agreement fell short of that goal, eating up one-third of the surplus in new government spending while doing little to protect Social Security or provide tax relief," Bachus said.