

WASHINGTON (April 9) – The House and Senate have announced a bipartisan agreement on spending cuts for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011. The agreement keeps the government operating and averts a shutdown of services that would have otherwise occurred at midnight, Saturday April 9.

The two chambers have approved a short-term resolution to continue the operations of the federal government until legislative language on the larger agreement is finalized and voted on during the coming week.

The office of House Speaker John Boehner issued the following statement.

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“We have agreed to an historic amount of cuts for the remainder of this fiscal year, as well as a short-term bridge that will give us time to avoid a shutdown while we get that agreement through both houses and to the President.□ We will cut \$78.5 billion below the President’s 2011 budget proposal, and we have reached an agreement on the policy riders.□ In the meantime, we will pass a short-term resolution to keep the government running through Thursday.□ That short-term bridge will cut the first \$2 billion of the total savings.”

Congressman Bachus made the following statement to the Shelby County Reporter earlier in the day.

“The debt is the single biggest threat to our economic future and even to our national security, as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Michael Mullen, stated as recently as February 17, 2011.□ The American people realize this and have sent a clear message that they want spending reduced.□ House Republicans responded and, joined by a significant number of conservative Democrats, sent a bipartisan bill to reduce spending to the Senate.□ As of this afternoon, Majority Leader Harry Reid has refused to act.□ However, I am optimistic that we will come to an agreement and the government will not shut down.□ I am particularly concerned about the effect of a government shutdown on our troops and their families.”

