

WASHINGTON (July 29) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today voted yes on House debt limit legislation that includes a balanced budget amendment provision.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 218-210.

Bachus, along with fellow Alabama Congressman Mo Brooks (AL-5), strongly advocated the adoption of a balanced budget amendment during meetings with Republican leadership on the debt limit legislation. The Budget Control Act of 2011, as approved today, establishes a two-step process for raising the debt ceiling by imposing spending controls and requiring that Congress send a balanced budget amendment to the states.

“Families in Alabama have to live within their means and balance their budgets, and they expect the federal government to do the same. For too long, Washington has accommodated deficit spending by raising the debt ceiling, which is akin to someone simply raising their credit card limit when they cannot pay their bills as opposed to reducing their spending. The debate over the past days and weeks, while intense, has had a positive effect because it has highlighted that a key to getting our economy going and creating jobs is bringing spending and the size of the federal government under control.”

“For weeks, I have said that while the imminent threat to our credit rating is the debt limit, by far the overriding danger is too much government spending. It is time for fiscal accountability.”

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