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House Adjourns Without Addressing Looming Tax Increases

This week, the House narrowly voted 210-209 to adjourn for the mid-term elections without addressing the looming tax increases that will affect every American, small business, and investor beginning January 1, 2011. Recently, the Heritage Foundation released an analysis of the impact on the nation, individual states, and congressional districts if the Obama administration's proposal to raise taxes on upper-income taxpayers is enacted. The Heritage Foundation found that this policy would result in slower economic growth, reduced job creation and higher unemployment. Nationally, the Gross Domestic Product – when adjusted for inflation – would fall by \$1.1 trillion between Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2020. Over the same ten-year period, there would also be an average annual loss of 693,000 jobs, a \$726 billion reduction in disposable income, and a \$706 billion reduction in consumer spending. In addition, a whopping \$38 billion decrease in savings would occur in 2011 alone. Congressman Miller opposed the adjournment resolution because he thinks it is ridiculous for lawmakers to get out of dodge before addressing these looming tax hikes. He will continue fighting to reign in runaway Washington spending and reduce the tax burden for hardworking Americans and job-creating small businesses.

House Passes Continuing Resolution; Fails to Pass Budget and Appropriations Bills

This year marks the first time in modern history that the House of Representatives failed to pass a budget. On top of this, the inability of the Democrat Congress to enact any of the twelve annual appropriations bills to provide funding for the federal government represents a dereliction of duty by the Majority to get our nation's fiscal house in order. Due to this historic failure, the House passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to continue government operations past the end of the fiscal year, which expired Thursday. The CR will keep the government running through December 3 and continues the unsustainable, high rate of spending passed by the Democrat Congress last year. Congressman Miller opposed final passage of the CR because he believes Congress should make tough fiscal decisions instead of perpetuating the borrow-and-spend philosophy endorsed by his colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

DOD Announces Absentee Voting Week

The Department of Defense (DoD) has declared September 27 through October 4, 2010 as Absentee Voting Week to encourage all military personnel, their family members, and overseas citizens to exercise their right to vote. During Absentee Voting Week, Voting Assistance Officer (VAOs) worldwide will emphasize the importance of filling out and returning the absentee ballot. VAOs will educate voters on the electronic alternatives for ballot completion and submission as well as encourage use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. For military personnel, their family members, and overseas citizens who have not received a state absentee ballot, it is not too late to vote. Go to <http://www.fvap.gov> to fill out the state absentee ballot or the online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. Then send it to your local election official today.

Congressman Miller to Host Service Academy Night

Interested in attending one of our nation's service academies? Join Congressman Miller for a Service Academy Night on October 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the East Room of the Nixon Library. This event will provide information for parents and students interested in applying to one of the five Armed Forces Service Academies. Representatives from each Academy will be present to speak to students and answer questions. If you have any questions about the event or would like to RSVP for the Service Academy Night, please contact Congressman Miller's Brea office as soon as possible at (714) 257-1142. Those who would like to apply for the Class of 2015 should also contact the Brea office for a nomination application packet immediately, as the review process is already underway.

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