(Washington, DC) - **Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) today issued the following statement after the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the U.S. economy lost 345,000 jobs in May, bringing the unemployment rate to a twenty-five year high of 9.4%:**

"Northern California has been hit hard by our economic problems and I am deeply concerned that we are continuing to adopt policies that will make things worse. In addition to increasing government involvement in private business, President Obama and Congressional Democrat Leadership has ignored our looming entitlement crisis, proposed a new national energy tax, and passed a budget that spends too much, borrows too much, and taxes too much. I oppose raising taxes in the best of times, but during a period of serious economic difficulty, raising taxes would be incredibly harmful to all Americans. We must instead pursue policies where job creation is the number one focus. Doing this will bring relief and speed our economic recovery for working families, small businesses, and people struggling to make ends meet."