

Congressman Wally Herger issued the following statement regarding the deficit spending undertaken this year in Congress and the decision to restrict debate on future spending bills:

“We’re halfway through 2009 and I am deeply concerned with the excess spending that Congress and the Administration have pursued, with trillions more on the horizon. We’ve see the federal government set a \$2 trillion deficit by passing a stimulus bill that hasn’t helped our economy, a half-trillion spending bill, and spending billions on a bailout of the auto companies as the government has gotten into the car business. It is crystal clear that federal spending is out of control.

“Congressional Democrats have blocked Republican efforts to limit these spending increases that America can’t afford. If we continue down this path, it will seriously undermine America’s position in the world and our financial stability at home. I believe it is immoral to spend excessively today when our children and grandchildren will foot the bill down the road. Congress must push for fiscal discipline.”

Background:

Last night, after only thirty minutes, Democrats cut off debate of Republican amendments to the Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bill, most of which were designed to reduce federal spending. In its current form, the bill stands to cost the American people \$64.31 billion, a 11.7% increase over last year. Democrat Leadership closed down debate on the amendments, stating that they would take too much time.