

Washington, DC – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) opposed the Democrats \$447 billion Omnibus Appropriations bill passed by the House today. The Omnibus is a spending bill made up of six of the seven remaining appropriations bills that have yet to be approved by Congress this year, including the Commerce, Justice, Science bill, the Financial Services bill, the Labor, Health, and Human Services bill, the State and Foreign Operations bill, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill, and the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs bill. If signed into law, the overall rate of non-defense, discretionary spending will increase by more than 11% over last year. Herger’s comments follow below:

“This bill is based on misplaced priorities and lacks the fiscal commonsense that America needs during an economic recession. Across the country, millions of Americans are tightening their belts and it is essential that Congress do the same. I will not support a bill that will keep America on the path of big government and bigger spending. House Democrats continue to add to the crushing debt our children and grandchildren will face. In fact, over the last two fiscal years, the Democrat majority has increased non-defense, discretionary funding by 85%. I firmly believe Congress needs to make the tough decisions to get spending under control and restore fiscal sanity in Washington.”

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