

**Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger issued the following statement after the House passed H.R. 1, legislation that would reduce fiscal year 2011 (FY 2011) spending by \$100 billion compared to the President’s budget request:**

“This past November the American people sent a strong message to Washington – ‘Clean up your act and stop the runaway federal spending.’ House Republicans heard this call loud and clear, committing to returning domestic spending to pre-stimulus levels by saving \$100 billion in the current fiscal year. Today we made good on that promise by passing legislation that will do exactly that. I urge President Obama and the Senate to join us in supporting these important FY11 spending cuts.

“While this legislation contains substantial cuts, it is only a first step to getting our fiscal house in order. The Administration forecasts a \$1.6 trillion deficit in the current fiscal year—an amount that is greater than what our nation spends on all discretionary spending (including defense) and servicing the debt combined. The simple reality is that a major source of our nation’s debt crisis is the unsustainable growth in mandatory spending, which now represents nearly 60% of the federal budget. This is the time for leadership, for tough decisions and for the hard choices we need to make that will put us back on a fiscally sustainable path.”