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H. CON. RES. 301

Expressing the sense of Congress that any bill or joint resolution that provides for the establishment of a new Federal program should contain a provision that eliminates one or more current Federal programs of equal or greater cost.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 16, 2005

Mr. Conaway submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that any bill or joint resolution that provides for the establishment of a new Federal program should contain a provision that eliminates one or more current Federal programs of equal or greater cost.

Whereas Congress must be committed to slowing the growth of Government spending, reforming inefficient Government programs, and removing burdensome Government regulations in order to lower the Federal budget deficit;

Whereas Congress must pledge to hold the line on spending and the growth of Government for the remainder of this fiscal year and beyond;

- Whereas Congress needs to demonstrate to the people of the United States that it will not return to the failed fiscal policies of the past by attempting to solve budgetary problems by raising taxes to pay for new programs and more spending;
- Whereas a real solution to the Federal budget deficit must consist of the curtailment of unnecessary Federal programs, which are currently costing taxpayers billions of dollars;
- Whereas it is time to reduce the Federal budget deficit by demonstrating a strong commitment to reforming and eliminating inefficient and wasteful Government programs;
- Whereas to reduce the Federal budget deficit, Congress must do a better job of establishing priorities for Federal programs and spending; and
- Whereas to limit the growth of Government, Congress should only enact a new Federal program if Congress considers the program to be a higher priority than one or more current Federal programs of equal or greater cost: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
 - 2 concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that any bill
- 3 or joint resolution that provides for the establishment of
- 4 a new Federal program should contain a provision that
- 5 eliminates one or more current Federal programs of equal
- 6 or greater cost.