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Herger Praises Actions to Keep Economy Strong

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Wally Herger today applauded actions to keep our economy on the right track. The House passed H. Con. Res. 376, the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007, which is the budget blueprint for the upcoming fiscal year. Also, on Wednesday Herger attended the White House signing ceremony for the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act, which extends important tax relief. Herger made the following comment regarding these actions:

"Our continued economic success is largely dependent on extending tax relief that has helped revitalize our nation's economy, and restraining spending," Herger stated.

"For this reason, I strongly supported passage of additional tax relief on American small businesses and families. The 2003 relief provided further evidence that lowering taxes on small businesses and investment spurs economic activity and job growth, ultimately leading to soaring federal tax revenue that significantly pushes down the deficit. In fact, tax receipts during the first seven months of fiscal year 2006 have increased about \$137 billion, or more than 11%, compared to the same period during FY 05. Extending this relief ensures that these critical pro-growth policies will continue so that our economy remains vibrant and firmly on the right track."

The Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act extends tax incentives for small businesses, tax relief on capital gains and dividends rates, and tax relief to prevent the alternative minimum tax from stampeding on middle-income taxpayers. To view the White House signing ceremony, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov>.

"Growth in mandatory spending threatens to crowd out all other spending and choke our economy--unless we act responsibly," continued Herger. "Difficult decisions will have to be made, but we must tighten our belts and live within our means. While I supported taking even greater steps to bring fiscal discipline to Washington, the budget resolution passed by the House builds on significant entitlement savings Congress passed last year, proposes important budget process reforms, and keeps us on the path toward limiting spending and reforming government."

Budget resolutions establish spending guidelines and a total spending cap that the Appropriations Committee must follow. While providing increased funding for defense and homeland security, the FY 07 resolution holds non-security discretionary spending at virtually the same level as FY 06, and instructs certain committees to find \$6.8 billion in savings in mandatory spending.

For more information, log on to <http://www.house.gov/herger> on the Internet!