



Straight To The Point ...

President Bush: "We Have An Opportunity To ... Take The Swift, Decisive Action Our Economy Urgently Needs"

President Bush Announces Bipartisan Economic Growth Agreement And Says "Americans Can ... Be Confident About Our Long-Term Outlook"

"We Can Come Together To Help Our Nation Deal With Difficult Economic Challenges"

President Bush: "[T]his agreement meets the criterion that I set forth last week to provide an effective, robust, and temporary set of incentives that will boost our economy and encourage job creation." "This package has the right set of policies and is the right size. The incentives in this package will lead to higher consumer spending and increased business investment this year." (President George W. Bush, Statement On The Bipartisan Economic Growth Agreement, The White House, 1/24/08)

- **"Importantly, this package recognizes that lowering taxes is a powerful and efficient way to help consumers and businesses."** "I have always believed that allowing people to keep more of their own money and to use it as they see fit is the best way to help our economy grow. I'm also pleased that this agreement does not include any tax increases, as well as unnecessary spending projects that would have little immediate impact on our economy."
- **"Because the country needs this boost to the economy now, I urge the House and the Senate to enact this economic growth agreement into law as soon as possible."** "This agreement was the result of intensive discussions, many phone calls, late-night meetings, and the kind of cooperation that some predicted was not possible here in Washington.... We have an opportunity to come together and take the swift, decisive action our economy urgently needs."
- **"[W]ith the right policies in place, including the extension of the tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 that have helped our economy, I firmly believe we're going to continue to lead the world."** "I know Americans are concerned about our economic future. Our economy is structurally sound, but it is dealing with short-term disruptions in the housing market and the impact of higher energy prices. These challenges are slowing growth. Yet Americans can also be confident about our long-term outlook. Our economy is strong, it is dynamic, and it is resilient."