

BUDGET WATCH: WILL THE DOMESTIC 23 CAVE, OR WILL THEY STAND BY THEIR WORD?

The following 23 House Republicans sent a letter to Speaker Hastert on March 15, 2006 expressing their “strong reservations” about “voting for any budget that would result in real cuts to a number of programs” like education, health care, housing, veterans’ services, and key urban support programs. According to these Members, the failure to include a minimum of a 2 percent increase in non-security discretionary programs “could make it difficult for members to support individual appropriations bills as they move forward.”

WILL THESE MEMBERS KEEP THEIR WORD?

Rep. Nancy Johnson
Rep. Chris Shays
Rep. Sherwood Boehlert
Rep. Jim Ramstad
***Rep. Steven LaTourette**
Rep. Todd Platts
Rep. Fred Upton
Rep. Rob Simmons
***Rep. Joe Schwarz**
Rep. Curt Weldon
Rep. Jim Leach
***Rep. Jim Gerlach**
Rep. Wayne Gilchrest
Rep. Bob Ney
Rep. Ray LaHood
Rep. Jon Porter
***Rep. Rick Renzi**
***Rep. Jo Ann Emerson**
***Rep. John McHugh**
Rep. Ed Whitfield
***Rep. Heather Wilson**
***Rep. Randy Kuhl**
Rep. Mike Castle

**44 House Republicans sent a letter to Speaker Hastert on April 13, 2005 stating their opposition to proposed Medicaid cuts in the FY06 Republican Budget Resolution, yet 32 of them voted for the Budget Conference Report on April 28, 2005. Members with a “*” next to their name were on that list of 44, and also voted for the Conference Report.*