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Rep. Marino casts historic vote for CR, deep spending cuts

It was a long and grueling week on the U.S. House floor but Congressman Tom Marino was a satisfied man when he drove home to Pennsylvania on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 19.

Shortly before 5 a.m. that day, Rep. Marino cast what he described as a historic vote.

His vote in favor of the continuing resolution and the deep cuts in government spending is just the beginning of the restoration of the nation's economy.

The continuing resolution funds the federal government through fiscal year 2011. It cuts more than \$100 billion in non-defense discretionary federal spending. The measure passed by a 235-189 vote.

"We are proud of what we did which is exactly what the American people told us to do," the 10th District congressman said. "They want us to cut federal spending, keep taxes low and restore the economy so that the private sector can create more jobs."

This will be the first of many bills that will fulfill the pledge to significantly reduce spending, Marino said. The nation is more than \$14 trillion in debt, a record-high and the

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equivalent to \$45,000 per American and \$127,500 per taxpayer. Each day the United States pays \$1.273 billion solely on interest payments.

The House finished voting on the measure around 4:40 a.m. Saturday.

"We were bound and determined to do this," Marino said. "We were going to stay there until it got done. It was refreshing to know that the Republican leadership gave Republicans and Democrats the opportunity to fully debate the issues, something that was not permitted under previous House rules."

The continuing resolution crafted by the House Appropriations Committee represents the largest reduction in non-security discretionary spending

in the nation's history and will save American taxpayers more than \$100 billion compared to President Obama's fiscal year 2011 request.

Marino voted in favor of several amendments that would defund the health-care legislation enacted last year by House Democrats including: a vote to defund the implementation of the individual mandate, and several votes to prohibit funds from being used to implement many of the provisions of the health-care law.

He voted to prohibit funding for Planned Parenthood and voted to restore some funding to the LIHEAP program that assists the needy with home-heating bills.

Marino said he would always work to protect the military, law-enforcement officials and emergency responders. He voted for an amendment to restore funding for local law-enforcement programs because "these folks represent our line between civility and chaos."

"We are making history," Marino said. "There is much more work to be done but so far, we have done what the American people asked us to do."



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Rep. Marino meets with district constituents who represent the Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers, the National Coalition for Assistive and Rehab Technology and the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers. They discussed pending legislation that provides access to complex rehab products and services for individuals with permanent disabilities.



A look at Congressman Marino's key votes since taking office

Congressman Marino has cast votes on all 147 roll-call votes since taking office on Jan. 5 for a 100-percent voting record.

Besides his Feb. 19 vote for the continuing resolution that funds the federal government through fiscal year 2011 and cuts spending by \$100 billion, these are some of his recent votes. He has voted:

- To repeal last year's sweeping health-care legislation;
- To allow for more transparent and fair rules on the House floor;
- To reduce congressional budgets

by 5 percent.

- To remove federal funding for Planned Parenthood (Pence Amendment).
- In favor of several amendments to the continuing resolution that defunds portions of last year's health-care bill
- To transfer funding into a local law-enforcement program;
- To transfer funds into the Low Income Heating & Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- To prohibit the use of funds to carry out some environmental

regulations that would hamper job growth by placing unreasonable roadblocks to business expansion;

- To extend expiring provisions of the Patriot Act;
- To cut federal spending to the 2008 levels;
- To terminate taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions;
- To secure a \$179 million refund from the United Nations to the United States for an overpayment.

Take Advantage of Free Online Tax Prep, Filing Offered by IRS

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