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U.S. Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) today voted in favor of the amended Budget Control Act of 2011, legislation which cuts spending by $2.1 trillion over the next decade. The measure establishes a 12-member bipartisan congressional committee to identify more cuts, entitlement reforms, and tax changes by the end of the year. The bill also calls on Congress to take up a balanced budget amendment.

"This bill is not the solution I would have liked to have seen. However, we have changed the conversation in Washington from one of spending to one of cutting. The President is no longer calling for a blank check, but is working with Republicans and Democrats to cut spending. This bill reflects this shift in direction by enacting immediate spending cuts, controlling future spending without raising taxes, and requiring votes on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, an issue I've worked on for years," Terry said.