

Thank you for the hundreds of responses last week regarding the House Budget resolution, H.Con. Res 99, which I voted against. I am disappointed that H.Con. Res 99 was approved by a vote of 216-210, even with twelve Democratic members voting against it.

The opinions I received about H.Con. Res 99 were overwhelmingly opposed, though a few said they support increasing taxes. You may be interested to read some of the opinions I received about pending tax increases:

"I had surgery in January and despite the fact I have first class health insurance, my portion of the medical bills are so high, the only way I will be able to pay my taxes this year is by putting them on a credit card. I need a tax increase like I need a hole in the head." -- Mary, La Vista

"I disagree with your position. We need the tax increase to deal with a budget deficit that is out of control...Our elected officials need to quit playing politics and begin solving problems." -- Thomas, Omaha

"I think it is very hypocritical of you to talk of fiscal responsibility after six years of rubber stamping every item that the Bush Administration and the Republican Congress put in front of you. This "tax increase" won't affect me, because I don't make enough money to have any thing to invest or to leave to my children. Most people in Nebraska are in the same category as me. But you feel free to do whatever the Republican leadership tell you to do and keep voting against the interests of the people in your district." -- Michelle, Omaha

"As a real estate professional, the impact of any tax hike would have a chilling affect on the already troubled housing market. From first time buyers, move up buyers and those seeking their new empty nest home, a tax increase would take the affordability out of making a move. Tax hikes will also further the troubles of homeowners with sub-prime mortgages. In my estimation, the already high default rate would skyrocket." -- Joe, Omaha

"This proposal seems as if it punishes you for having children and being married, the foundation of a family...We have to pay daycare of 160.00 a week which will increase by a 100.00 a week in the summer for a school child, any additional income that comes out in taxes would hurt us deeply in the pocket...Lower our taxes or figure out a way to lower the costs of basic needs." -- Stacy, Omaha

"A \$2,200 tax increase is \$183 a month. That would mean that our food budget would have to be cut in half. It's already hard and I am always going over due to the high cost of gasoline and the rise in consumer good, food and all due to the increase in fuel and shipping items. We need that \$\$183 a month in our pockets, not in the pork barrel projects that the government passes." -- Jeff, Omaha

"Currently, I have an Autistic child and Insurance pays nothing for his treatment. My husband works 2 jobs and I work from home. We live very modestly and still barely make it paycheck to paycheck the way it is. Any amount drastically affects our financial stability." -- Laura, Omaha

"Lee I am on a fixed budget and any increase would not be helpful to me. My wife is in the nurseing home here at Skyline and money is in short supply. So as you can imagine every increase in Federal taxes is bad news for me." -- Donald, Omaha

