



## **Action Alert**

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#### **Stop the Spending Spree! Contact Your Senators Today**

Last Wednesday, the House of Representatives passed the largest spending bill in the history of the United States<sup>1</sup>, and next week, the U.S. Senate will choose to either burden future generations with debt or allow the market to spur real recovery.

Despite 100 percent opposition from House Republicans and 11 conservative Democrats, the spending bill passed the House of Representatives with 244 votes in favor and 188 opposed. If Senate Republicans follow the example set by their House colleagues, and unite in support of limited-government and free markets by utilizing the filibuster, the spending bill will fail. Therefore, it is vitally important to immediately contact your home-state senators and urge them to vote no.

Below are some detestable provisions included in the spending bill<sup>2</sup>:

- \$335 million for STD prevention, which in the past has been used for an event entitled “Got Love?-Flirt/Date/Score”.
- \$75 million for smoking cessation.
- \$4 billion for community non-profit groups such as ACORN.
- \$2.7 billion to NIH, to be used in part for stem cell experimentation and research.
- \$600 million to buy new cars for government workers.

In addition to the irresponsible spending highlighted above, it’s doubtful that this bill will work as intended. Countless economists disagree with the notion that you can spend your way out of a recession and history suggests the same. For instance, Henry Morgenthau, the Treasury Secretary for Franklin D. Roosevelt said, “We are spending more than we have ever spent before and it does not work”.

Our duty is clear: oppose this monstrous spending bill. Please call your home-state senators today and express your disapproval and urge your networks to do the same.

<sup>1</sup> Weisman, Hitt, Bendavid. “House Passes Stimulus Package”. [The Wall Street Journal](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123315486943524321.html). 29 January 2009. [online.wsj.com/article/SB123315486943524321.html](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123315486943524321.html)

<sup>2</sup> “Not Quite a Stimulus”. [Family Research Council](http://www.frcblog.com/2009/01/not_quite_a_stimulus_speaker_p.html). 29 January 2009. [www.frcblog.com/2009/01/not\\_quite\\_a\\_stimulus\\_speaker\\_p.html](http://www.frcblog.com/2009/01/not_quite_a_stimulus_speaker_p.html)

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Contact your home-state senators and urge them to vote no on the spending bill! Their contact information can be found at [www.Senate.gov](http://www.Senate.gov).
- 2) Spread the word to your networks. Please use this *Action Alert* as a resource in your efforts, and feel free to forward it on to others.

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