

Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, voted today for a Constitutional Amendment requiring the federal government to operate under a balanced budget each year.

Unfortunately, the Balanced Budget Amendment (H.J. Res 2) failed to pass the U.S. House with the required 2/3rds majority because of strong opposition from Democrat members who refuse to relinquish their ability to borrow and spend without accountability.

The final House vote was 261 to 165, falling 28 votes short of the required number to pass a Constitutional Amendment.

"As a cosponsor of the Balanced Budget Amendment for a number of years, I believe that the federal government should live within its means just as 49 of the 50 states are required to do," Congressman Bonner said.

"Given Americans' widespread bipartisan support for a Balanced Budget Amendment, it is disappointing to see this simple common sense measure rejected in the House.

"However this setback does not end our efforts to restore common sense to government and halt reckless spending which jeopardizes our country's future. Conservatives will continue to press for spending cuts with the goal of balancing our budget and paying down the debt."

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