

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, offered the following statement about his decision to vote against the Senate fiscal cliff agreement Tuesday evening.

"At the end of the day I just couldn't support – with my one vote – such a flawed process.

"There is simply no way Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Madison or our other founding fathers could have ever envisioned having the Senate pass a \$4 trillion addition to the debt of our nation at 2:00 a.m., only to have the House take it up less than 20 hours later and there be no regard for the long-term damage we are doing to America's future.

"Over the past several months, President Obama didn't hide the fact that he loathes the success some Americans have worked so hard to enjoy and he will get the tax increases he has so openly sought. But to think he and the Democrats in Congress couldn't have come up with a penny – not a single penny – of cuts to offset the \$4 trillion in new spending is beyond the pale.

"This is a sad day for our country but the saddest, at least to me, was when the American people, on November 6th, expressed with their vote that they believed we could continue down the path of more spending and borrowing with no consequences."

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