

Brady Supports Increase in Housing Funds

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Philadelphia --- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., PA) says the FY07 continuing Resolution contains he will support a joint funding resolution for FY07 which increases funding for police, veteran's health care, Pell Grants and public housing.

But, the Congressman cautioned, "While there are moderate increases in the resolution it falls far short of where we need to be. This is an attempt to clean up the mess the Republicans created. While I don't believe the resolution is the perfect solution, it offers the best option for moving forward based upon the reality of the Congress' last session," the Congressman said.

Brady added that last year the budget and appropriations process presented the then-Republican-controlled Congress with a choice: pass a fiscally sound budget and 11 appropriations bills that reflect the priorities of the American people or duck the issue.

"Unfortunately, the Republicans chose to pass a budget that was unrealistic at best and fiscally reckless at worst, Congressman Brady said. "Nine of the eleven appropriations bills for FY07, which is now four months old, have yet to be enacted into law. As a result of their inability to govern honestly and effectively, the federal government is now facing the most significant budget mess since the Republicans took over the government and then shut it down in 1996."

In conclusion, Congressman Brady explained, "Federal departments and agencies, and state and local governments cannot plan properly for the future, so Congress must act now to resolve these funding issues. If we waited any longer, the 110th Congress would lose valuable time needed to work on the President's war supplemental and the Fiscal Year 2008 budget submission in a manner equal to their importance to the American public."