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## **Busby Condemns Dishonest Budget Tactics that Hide Debt Increases**

Encinitas – Today Congressional Candidate Francine Busby said that it is time for Congress to start being honest with the American people about the nation’s budget and its debt. She condemned the leadership in Congress for using a procedural tool to raise the ceiling of the national debt without the normally required vote. This maneuver will allow congress to raise the national debt limit by \$781 billion to cover the cost of the budget as it now stands. This is in addition to the already unacceptable \$8.2 trillion national debt.

“Spending our nation into debt at the expense of our children’s future is irresponsible but to hide the increases in the debt through procedural tricks is dishonest and just plain wrong,” said Busby. “In Congress, I will work for honest budgets and to make sure that members are required to vote publicly on whether they support spending us more and more into debt even as it is endangering our national security and our children’s future.”

The leadership in the House created a procedure whereby a bill to raise the national debt limit will automatically pass when members vote to pass the budget. Members will not be required to vote separately on the bill to increase the national debt ceiling.

“This congress is acting like a privileged club where members believe they can ignore long-held rules and use backroom deals to pass their out-of-control budget. It is long past time that we restore honesty and integrity to Washington and to the congressional budget process,” said Busby.

Busby has already made several proposals that would work to control deficit spending. As part of her CLEAN House Act Busby called for the elimination of all anonymous appropriation earmarks, a process by which members can spend taxpayer money without attaching their name to the spending. Busby has also proposed that members of Congress not receive pay raises during any year when the federal budget runs a deficit. She has personally pledged to reject her pay raise during any deficit spending year.

[House Concurrent Resolution 95, FY 2006 Budget, <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:h.con.res.00095:>]