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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following the release of the president's Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 budget, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) called on the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives to bring H.R. 3643, the No Budget, No Pay Act, to the floor for consideration. The legislation, sponsored by Congressman Jim Cooper (D-TN) requires Congress to pass an annual budget and all appropriations bills by October 1st or Members of Congress will not get paid.

"It has been decades since Congress has passed all of its appropriations bills and budgets in a timely manner," said Congressman Altmire, a co-sponsor of the bill. "Families in western Pennsylvania budget for their needs, yet Congress somehow finds a way to avoid its responsibilities each year. This legislation is simple; if Members of Congress cannot come to an agreement on funding matters in a timely manner, we will not get paid. We have a job to do and avoiding it each year is slowing our economic recovery. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and hope the House leadership will bring this bill to the floor for immediate consideration."

According to the Congressional Research Service, Congress last passed a budget on April 28, 2009, and has failed to pass annual appropriations bills on time for 15 straight years.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the No Budget, No Pay Act is available by [clicking here](#)