

**U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper, a senior member of the House Budget Committee, released the following statement in response to Majority Leader Hoyer's decision to send the Senate a fully offset tax extenders bill:**

"I can't imagine Senate Republicans would reverse themselves just to prove to the American people how fiscally irresponsible they are. Majority Leader Hoyer and Chairman Rangel are doing the right thing by insisting that Congress pay for tax extenders.

"These aren't just talking points anymore. In the middle of a full-fledged economic crisis, America can't afford to let Senate Republicans have their cake and eat it too. We face the prospect of literally running out of Treasury bonds to sell China in order to finance our deficit."