Urges Senate to Act

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16), who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, today voted in favor of legislation to fund the Defense Department for the remainder of the year. The bill would also cut spending by $12 billion and keep the government operational for another week while Congress and the President negotiate a long-term bill to fund the government and cut spending.

“If Senate Democrats fail to act and the government shuts down, that would force our troops, who are now fighting three wars, to work without pay,” Rooney said. “That is unacceptable. Our troops and their families have sacrificed too much already to become victims of the Senate Democrats’ failure to lead – or even follow – on a long-term bill to fund the government and cut spending.

“This bill ensures that our troops continue to receive paychecks, so they do not have to worry that their families will fall behind on their mortgages and bills while they fight our wars. No more excuses, no more privately rooting for a shutdown – Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Democrats need to get serious. They need to act.”

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