

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following statement today, which marks 1,000 days since the Senate passed a budget resolution, as required annually by the 1974 Budget Act:

“Today marks the 1,000<sup>th</sup> day since the Senate passed a budget, and our national debt has increased by more than \$4 trillion during that time,” Rooney said. “If your family was in the red, you’d sit down at the table, calculate how much you’re making and how much you’re spending, and map out a plan to cut back – but the Senate refuses to take this first step to solving our debt crisis. How on earth are we going to get our fiscal house in order if the Senate won’t even write a budget?”

“Senate Democrats won’t release a budget because they don’t want to admit to the American people that any proposal that doesn’t significantly cut spending – which they refuse to do – means either massive tax increases on all Americans, including the middle class, or trillion dollar deficits as far as the eye can see. Harry Reid, Chuck Schumer, Bill Nelson and the rest of the Senate Democrats need to show a little courage and tell the American people what their plan is to get us our country out of the hole they helped President Obama dig.”

The House is scheduled to vote today on a resolution cosponsored by Rooney calling on the Senate to consider and pass a budget blueprint in 2012.

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