

# Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 17, 2013

## “Last Night’s Vote”

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Hello, this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. Last night, the Senate and the House passed a spending bill to fund the federal government and to raise the debt limit. The President has now signed this bill into law. I wanted you to know that I voted against this measure and why, and why I believe we should continue this fight against our nation’s structural deficit.

I appreciated Senator Ted Cruz’s statements yesterday that House Republicans deserved commendation – that we took a bold stance and we listened to the American people. Yet while all House Republicans agreed in principle that we should continue to fight and not give up some did support a different tactic, which was to delay this fight to a later date.

The problems with the Affordable Care Act are not going to go away. The website does not work. Health care premiums are on the rise, and this will make healthcare unaffordable and chaotic for American families. I assure you, my efforts to repeal the president’s health care law will remain strong as I continue to highlight the law’s massive flaws.

Although the short term spending bill has passed, I will keep pressing economic issues. Americans are making adjustments and sacrifices every single day to pay their bills on time. Washington must do the same by controlling spending. It’s long overdue for the President to present a responsible plan that will reduce spending and that’s honestly starting with the Affordable Care Act. With our nation's economy still struggling because of the president's bad policies, I want a solution that will fix long-term debt and spending – and we can start with passing a budget.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website at [burgess.house.gov](http://burgess.house.gov). May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.