

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today voted against the Democratic budget resolution and encouraged his party leadership to work with Republicans to “demand greater accountability in government spending, cut government waste and extend tax relief to American families.”

Despite Mitchell’s “nay” vote, the resolution passed with a 212 to 207 vote. Mitchell, who was one of 16 Democrats to vote against the measure, has previously voted against budget proposals that assume the expiration of estate and capital gains tax cuts.

“There are many worthwhile and important priorities in this budget,” said Mitchell. “But the bottom line is that in a time of economic uncertainty, we cannot afford to allow key middle class tax cuts to expire. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to work together to demand greater accountability in government spending, cut government waste and extend tax relief to American families.”

Last summer, Mitchell and U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., introduced H.R. 3170, bipartisan legislation to permanently reduce estate and capital gains tax cuts. If the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts are allowed to expire, Americans would face a 33 percent increase of in the capital gains tax.