

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell’s legislation to block the 2008 automatic pay raise of nearly \$4,400 for members of Congress is gaining support. Nine members of Congress have now signed on to co-sponsor [H.R. 2934](#) .

“I’m glad that a growing number of my colleagues agree that there are many ways we can better spend taxpayer dollars than by providing ourselves with a raise,” said Mitchell.

Mitchell introduced the legislation on June 28, arguing that government funds should be used more responsibly during a time of war and record national debt.

In 1989, Congress passed a law that provides lawmakers with an automatic pay raise every January unless they vote specifically to reject the raise. If Mitchell’s legislation becomes law, members of Congress would forgo their 2008 pay raise.

Co-sponsors include Reps. Nancy Boyda (Kan.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.), John Hall (N.Y.), Heath Shuler (N.C.), Zach Space (Ohio), Patrick Murphy (Pa.), Jim Marshall (Ga.), Ron Kind (Wis.) and Baron Hill (Ind.).