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U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell, D-Ariz., is getting some unlikely backing from the anti-tax crowd for his opposition to a proposed congressional pay raise.

Mitchell, a Tempe Democrat elected in 2006 with the help of former President Bill Clinton and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, is allied with the National Taxpayers Unions, Citizens Against Government Waste and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, against the pay raise.

Mitchell, the anti-tax groups and Paul argue Congress should focus on controlling spending not a \$4,100 raise. Members of Congress are paid \$169,300 annually

Mitchell -- who represents a Republican-oriented district that includes Scottsdale and Tempe -- has bucked Democratic leadership on some budget and tax issues. He also supported investment tax reductions.

The National Taxpayers Unions and Citizens Against Government Waste are conservative anti-tax groups that side with the business lobby on matters such as taxes and the size of government.