

Congressman Pence took to the floor of the U.S. House to respond to the accusations of Democrats that Republicans were calling for the Congress to "do nothing."

"I respectfully disagree with a statement that the Chairman just made, Madam Speaker. And it's a statement that we heard the President of the United States make last night. And, maybe it was inadvertent by the Chairman, but it is this contrast between—that somehow this debate is between people that want to do something and people that want to do nothing. That is, with great respect to the Chairman, that is not an accurate articulation of the competing positions on this bill.

"House Republicans know that we're in a recession. This is a very serious time in the life of American families and in the life of our economy.

"At the President's invitation, House Republicans brought forward a series of proposals that would bring fast-acting tax relief to working families and small businesses and family farms. And, despite President Obama's laudable call for bipartisanship, those House Republican proposals were completely excluded from this bill.

"And so to hear last night on national television and to hear today that there are those of us in the body that would do nothing, I would say respectfully to my Democratic colleagues and to this Administration: 'Who are you talking about?' I know of no Republican in the House or the Senate who believes in these challenging economic times that we should do nothing.

"House Republicans believe simply we should do the right thing. And millions of Americans stand with us, that a massive spending bill that's nothing more than a tired wish list of leftover liberal spending priorities is the answer. We simply believe that we can do better."

The full transcript of Congressman Pence's remarks are available [HERE](#) .