

Last night, [H.R. 1](#), the so-called "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" passed the House by a vote of [244-188](#). Despite calls for bipartisanship, the only bipartisanship on display was the opposition as every Republican voted against the bill along with 11 Democrats.

Congressman Pence, [who denounced](#) the bill as "purely partisan," [spoke out in favor](#) of the Republican alternative before the vote and then appeared on *CNN*'s Lou Dobbs program to discuss the flawed Democrat bill.

CNS News [reported on the united front](#) that House Republicans displayed in standing up for the American taxpayer and quotes Congressman Pence echoing the questions of millions...

"What does \$50 million to the National Endowment for the Arts have to do with creating jobs?" Pence asked. "What is \$400 million for climate change research going to do to put people back to work in Indiana? And what is \$335 million for sexually transmitted disease education going to do to get this country working again?"

"House Republicans will oppose this bill for one reason—it won't work," Pence said.

...and *CNN* has [Republicans calling for a "return to the basics."](#)