

On the Need to Fight for Budget Cuts

"Absolutely. We have a \$1.65 trillion deficit, Neil, \$61 billion in budget cuts is just a modest down-payment on fiscal discipline. We also defunded ObamaCare, defunded Planned Parenthood with a bipartisan vote. Republicans need to pick a fight with the liberals in the Senate, take a firm stand and say this far and no further."

On Moving Past CR and Just Focusing on FY2012 Budget

"You never get a second chance at a first impression. As I said at the rally today, Neil, this is just a small down payment on fiscal discipline but it will be a promise kept. Republicans said that we would reduce spending in this fiscal year to below pre-bailout, pre-stimulus levels. It will take \$61 billion in cuts to do that. We fought to defund ObamaCare and defund Planned Parenthood. We passed it out of the House of Representatives and sent it to the Senate. I think this is an important moment. I think it may be a defining moment for the new Republican majority and to demonstrate to the American people that we got the message and that we are willing to take the stand to change the fiscal destiny of America."

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"I think Republicans fanned out across the country over the last week when we were home in our districts doing the work, what I heard is that my colleagues from the leadership on down heard from the American people that it is time to pick a fight. What is clear here in all of the talk of a government shutdown, what is clear here is that if anybody shuts the government down it will be Harry Reid. If anybody shuts the government down it will be liberals in the Senate who are unwilling to accept even the most modest step in the direction of fiscal discipline. I think

House Republicans are spoiling for a fight and I think we will dig in and say, 'this far and no further' and I think that is what the American people want us to do."

Response to Sen. Schumer's Comment that Republicans will Get Ahead of Themselves and Fall on Their Own Sword

"My response to that is really simple: these guys are stuck in the past. Their policies and politics are the politics of the past and they think it is 1995 but I got a news flash for Harry Reid and Chuck Schumer. It ain't 1995. The American people are on to the borrowing, the spending and the bailouts of the recent past, frankly by both political parties and they are saying enough is enough. They sent a new majority to Capitol Hill this year to take a stand for fiscal responsibility, to change the fiscal destiny of our national government and I am confident if we take this stand, if we dig in and we fight the American people will be on our side and we will win that fight."

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