Calls Budget Deal "Modest but Meaningful First Step"

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today announcing his support for the bipartisan Budget Control Act of 2011:

"The debt ceiling compromise negotiated by the bipartisan leadership in Congress and the White House is a modest but meaningful first step in the direction of fiscal discipline and reform, and I will support it.

"The Budget Control Act is not so much a good deal as it is a good start on restoring fiscal discipline to our nation's capitol.

"This bipartisan agreement will make it possible to pay the nation's bills with no new taxes, dollar for dollar cuts in spending for every increase in the debt ceiling and by giving the American people a fighting chance to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.

"Leadership means knowing when to say 'yes' and when to say 'no.' The time has come to get something done and move onto policies that will further advance our fiscal solvency and put Hoosiers back to work."