

Over three years. That's how long it's been since the Senate has acted to pass a budget.

Of all the responsibilities given to the House and Senate, creating a budget—thereby funding the basic function of government—is the single most important duty of Congress.

The House has done its job. A budget was passed last year and one for FY2013 is on the schedule in 2012. The annual budget process remains a point of constant attention.

A responsible budget goes a long way toward adding much needed certainty to the American economy. It gives clarity to employers, big and small, and families who contribute the revenue that keeps government running.

More squarely focused on jobs; House Republicans have advanced pro-growth legislation and will continue taking action to put more Americans back to work.

Even so, most of the legislation passed so far is languishing in the Senate—much like budget prospects under the current leadership.

Some of the more notable jobs bills passed by House Republicans include:

- **H.R. 872, Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011** (Rep. Gibbs) – passed the House 292-130 on March 31, 2011.

- **H.R. 910, Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011** (Rep. Upton) – passed the House 255-172 on April 7, 2011.

- **H. J. Res. 37, Net Neutrality** (Rep. Walden) – passed the House 240-179 on April 8, 2011.

- **H. Con. Res. 34, House Republican Budget** (Rep. Ryan) – passed House 235-193 on April 15, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act** (Rep. Hastings) – passed House 266-149 on May 5, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act** (Rep. Hastings) – passed House 263-163 on May 11, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 1231, Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act** (Rep. Hastings) – passed House 243-179 on May 12, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 2021, Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011** (Rep. Gardner) – passed House 253-166 on June 22, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 2018, Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011** (Rep. Mica) – passed the House 239-184 on July 13, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 1315, Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011** (Rep. Duffy) – passed House 241-173 on July 21, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 1938, North American-Made Energy Security Act**(Rep. Terry) – passed House 279-147-1 on July 26, 2011
  
- **H.R. 2587, Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act** (Rep. Scott) - passed House 238-186 on September 15, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 2401, Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts Nation (TRAIN) Act** (Rep. Sullivan) – passed House 249-169 on September 23, 2011.
  
- **H.R. 2681, Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act** (Rep. Sullivan) – passed House 262-161 on October 6, 2011.
  
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**H.R. 2433, Veterans Opportunity to Work Act** (Rep. Jeff Miller) – passed House 418-6 on

October 12, 2011.

- **H.R. 2250, EPA Regulatory Relief Act** (Rep. Griffith) – passed House 275-142 on October 13, 2011.

- **H.R. 2273, Coal Residuals Reuse & Management Act** (Rep. McKinley) – passed House 267-144 on October 14, 2011.

- **H.R. 674, to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities** (Rep. Herger) – passed the House 405-16 on October 27, 2011.

- **H.R. 2930, Entrepreneur Access to Capital Act** (Rep. McHenry) – passed House 407-17 on November 3, 2011.

- **H.R. 2940, Access to Capital for Job Creators Act** (Rep. McCarthy) – passed House 413-11 on November 3, 2011.

- **H.R. 3094, Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act** (Rep. Kline) – passed House 235-188 on November 30, 2011.

- **H.R. 527, Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act** (Rep. Smith) – passed House 263-159 on December 1, 2011.

- **H.R. 3010, Regulatory Accountability Act** (Rep. Smith) - passed House 253 - 167 on December 2, 2011.

- **H.R. 10, Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act** (Rep. Davis) - passed House 241 - 184 on December 7, 2011.

- **H.R. 1633, Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act** (Rep. Noem) - passed House 268 - 150 on December 8, 2011.

- **H.R. 3630, Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act** (Rep. Camp) - passed

House 293 - 132 on February 17, 2012.

- **H.R. 3606, Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act** (Rep. Fincher) - passed House 390 - 23 on March 8, 2012.

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**H.Con.Res. 112, House Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2013** (Rep. Ryan) - passed House 228 - 191 on March 29, 2012.

- **H.R. 9, Small Business Tax Credit Act** (Rep. Cantor) - passed House 235 - 173 on April 19, 2012.

- **H.R. 436, Health Care Cost Reduction Act** (Rep. Paulsen) - passed House 270 - 146 on June 7, 2012.

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**H.R. 4348, Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act (MAP-21)** (Rep. Mica) - passed House 373 - 52 on June 29, 2012.

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**H.R. 5892, Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act** (Rep. McMorris Rogers) - passed House 372 - 0 on July 9, 2012.

- **H.R. 6079, Repeal of Obamacare Act** (Rep. Cantor) - passed House 244 - 185 on July 11, 2012.

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**H.R. 6082, Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan** (Rep. Hastings) - passed House 253 - 170 on July 25, 2012.

- **H.R. 4078, Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act** (Rep. Griffin) - passed House 245 - 172 on July 26, 2012.

- **H.R. 8, Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act** (Rep. Camp) - passed House 256- 171 on August 1, 2012.

- **H.R. 6169, Pathway to Job Creation Through a Simpler, Fairer Tax Code Act** (Rep. Dreier) - passed House 232- 189 on August 2, 2012.

Worth noting is the fact that House Republicans have been focused on job creation since the historic November 2010 elections:

- House Republicans prevented President Obama and Congressional Democrats from enacting the largest tax increase in American history.

- In January 2011, House Republicans voted to repeal the job-killing Obama health care law and passed legislation to overturn the "1099 requirement" that would have crushed small businesses by requiring excessive documentation to the IRS for each business expense.

- House Republicans passed bills to roll back the President's job-killing greenhouse gas regulations and an attempt to regulate the Internet – a great source of ingenuity, entrepreneurship and jobs, as well as bills to responsibly increase domestic energy production.

- House Republicans have also been focused on cutting government spending and getting our debt and deficit under control. Economists around the nation continue to highlight reforming government and reducing debt as way to increase investor and consumer confidence.

In addition to supporting these efforts, Congressman Hunter has introduced **H.R. 881, the ADA Notification Act** —|

egislation to protect small business owners from predatory lawsuits under the Americans with Disabilities Act. H.R. 881 is supported by the National Small Business Association, the Restaurant Association and the American Hotel and Lodging Association. Click

[here](#)

to read an article on the ADA Notification Act.

On March 1, Congressman Hunter introduced **H.R. 4128, the Real Unemployment Calculation Act**

, which would require the government to use an alternative measure of unemployment that factors in "discouraged individuals" who have stopped looking for jobs in the last 12 months, but have shown a willingness and ability to work. It is estimated that 2.8 million people fall into this category. True unemployment in the country is actually higher than reported, and it is important to understand the realities of the real unemployment situation in order to effectively move forward and create jobs. You can read more about H.R. 4128

[here](#)

And beyond action in the House of Representatives, Congressman Hunter has hosted multiple job fairs, helping to put some job seekers back to work. The most recent job fair took place in February 2012 at the Poway Community Center in Poway. Rep. Hunter has also held job fairs in the past at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon, and more job fairs are planned for the future.

Congressman Hunter is also a regular contributor to national and local op-ed pages. The following are just some of Congressman Hunter's commentaries related to jobs and the economy:

- [Stop Exporting American Jobs](#) , published in the Washington Times.
- [A Tax on Technology in a High-Tech Town](#) , published in the San Diego Union Tribune.
- [Jobs & Economy Still a Priority](#) , published in the Alpine Sun, Ramona Sentinel and East County Herald.

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