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### **GOP Proposes Brave Budget** by Stephen Moore

*.It makes the Bush tax cuts permanent and balances the budget by 2019.*

In one of the most fiscally inept stunts in many years on Capitol Hill, Congressional Democrats have taken a pass on enacting a budget this year. Legislators will just wing it and let the \$3.6 trillion fall where it may and hope the public doesn't notice a \$1.5 trillion dollar deficit. But the minority Republicans have just presented their own budget plan and it's a remarkably bold and honest document that involves big cuts in government spending over the next decade and a balanced budget by 2019. The GOP budget would be a Tea Partier's dream come true if it ever were enacted.

The plan, fashioned by Tom Price of Georgia, head of the conservative Republican Study Committee, reduces federal borrowing from the Obama baseline by a gargantuan \$6.4 trillion over the next decade. Not bad considering that it also lowers taxes by \$1.7 trillion more than the Obama budget by making the Bush tax cuts permanent. Spending reductions start with what Mr. Price calls a "reset" on spending for discretionary programs back to 2008 levels. That insures that "temporary" stimulus funding

doesn't get continued year after year. The plan also instructs the President and Congress to dedicate every penny of bailout money repaid to the federal government by the banks to debt retirement.

"We think it's essential to show the American people we can cut spending enough to balance the budget even with the big hole Barack Obama has put us in," says Mr. Price. His budget is a Reaganite budget, calling for tax cuts, asset sales, repeal of hundreds of wasteful programs, and **across-the-board cuts** in virtually every program except Social Security. "Even some Republicans will flinch from the spending cuts required to get to a balanced budget," Mr. Price concedes.

Mr. Price and his RSC colleagues show that you can get from here (\$1.5 trillion annual deficits) to there (a balanced budget) through spending discipline and economic growth. Can it be done the Democratic way, with higher taxes and lower growth? Not likely.

**<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704913304575371402695945326>**

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# Morning Bell: Heritage Foundation

## Unions Just Flushed \$5 Million of Your Tax Dollars Down the Toilet

Posted By [Conn Carroll](#) On June 9, 2010 @ 9:31 am In [Enterprise and Free Markets](#) |

It is not every day we get to agree with the Obama administration. But after Sen. Blanche Lincoln defeated Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter in the Arkansas Democratic Senate primary runoff election, after the AFL-CIO, SEIU, AFSCME poured millions of dollars into Halter's campaign, a senior White House official told [Politico](#)<sup>[1]</sup>: "Organized labor just flushed \$10 million of their members' money down the toilet." But it wasn't just "their members" money that those unions were wasting. This year the Bureau of Labor Statistics confirmed that [for the first time in the history of the United States, a majority of union members work for the government, not the private sector](#)<sup>[2]</sup>. To be exact, 52% of all union members work for the federal or state and local governments. That means more than half of the \$10 million that unions wasted just in Arkansas first came from your tax dollars. And the waste goes well beyond Arkansas.

In his ongoing battle with teachers unions, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R) recently [told](#)<sup>[3]</sup> a town hall in Robbinsville: "My argument is not with teachers in New Jersey. My argument is with a union who collects \$730 a year from every teacher and school employee in the union in mandatory dues. And if you don't want to join the union here's your option: you can be out. You pay 85% of \$730 ... to be out. It's like the Hotel California. You can check in anytime you like but you can never leave. That raises for the teachers union, get ready, \$130 million a year. What do they spend that money on? ... \$6 million in negative advertising against me since March 16th. Think about that. That's a little over two months they have spent \$6 million on New York TV and Radio, Philadelphia TV and radio to attack me. That's dues money that is coming from their teachers, mandatory no choice, and from all of you because those salaries come from your property taxes and your state income taxes."

Christie's fight with government unions is over his constitutional amendment that would limit annual property tax increases to 2.5 percent. Government unions hate this policy because lower taxes mean less government spending which means less dues from government employees. At a meeting with conservative journalists yesterday at The Heritage Foundation, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels called government unions "the new privileged class in America." He told [Politico](#)<sup>[4]</sup> earlier this week: "We used to think of government workers as underpaid public servants. Now they are better paid than the people who pay their salaries."

As Heritage fellow James Sherk has [documented](#)<sup>[2]</sup> this battle between government unions and the people who pay their salaries is playing out across the country. In Maine, the Maine Municipal Association, the SEIU, the Teamsters, and the Maine Education Association collectively spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to campaign against a ballot initiative that would have prevented government spending from growing faster than the combined rate of inflation and population growth. In Illinois, AFSCME Council 31 ran television and radio ads pushing for tax increases in their "Fair Budget Illinois" campaign. In Oregon, government unions provided 90 percent of the \$4 million spent advocating two ballot initiatives to raise personal income and business taxes by \$733 million.

When a private sector company agrees to an unwise labor contract, it goes out of business (unless it gets bailed out by the government). But government never goes out of business, and in fact, always grows. In 2009 private-sector unions lost 834,000 members while public-sector unions actually gained 64,000 members. This is untenable. Something must change before government unions bankrupt this country.

# Plan Ahead

**August 21, 2010** - The meeting will be held at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club beginning at 9 am with coffee and donuts available prior to the meeting.

**August 24, 2010 - Primary Election Day**

**October 16, 2010** - This is the targeted date for the American Pride Dinner Dance, so plug it into your calendar. Guest speaker to be announced.

**November 2, 2010 - General Election Day. Registration deadline is Oct. 4, 2010.**

**VOTE**



## 2010 Election Dates

### PRIMARY Election -

Early Voting Dates  
August 9 – August 21, 2010 Monday - Saturday  
Primary Election:  
August 24, 2010

Beverly Hills, Florida 34465  
8:30am - 4:30pm  
Floral City Library  
8360 S. Orange Ave.  
Floral City, Florida 34436  
8:30am - 4:30pm  
Homosassa Public Library  
4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.  
Homosassa, Florida 34446  
8:30am - 4:30pm

### EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Voters may participate in early voting 15 days prior to each election and at any location, regardless of where they reside in the county. Show your photo and signature ID and you will be given a ballot. Lack of photo and signature ID will require the voter to cast a provisional ballot.

Crystal River Elections Office  
801 S.E. Hwy 19  
Crystal River, Florida 34429  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
Inverness City Hall  
212 Main St.  
Inverness, Florida 34450  
8:30am - 4:30pm  
Central Ridge Library  
425 Roosevelt Blvd.

### 2010 Election Dates

#### GENERAL

Registration Deadline:  
October 4, 2010

#### GENERAL Election -

Early Voting Dates  
October 18 – October 30, 2010 Monday - Saturday  
General Election:  
November 2, 2010

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