

# Congressman Allen West



Town Hall Meeting  
January 2012

# Where we are today

- Operating without a budget, but federal government is funded through September 30
- President Obama has stated he will be focused on campaigning
- Payroll tax holiday expires in February
- President Obama requesting additional \$1.2 trillion increase in debt ceiling

112th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

## HOUSE CALENDAR

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# THE PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY DANCE

- House voted to extend Payroll Tax Holiday for 12 months, extend unemployment insurance, SGR for doctors, accelerated decision on XL Pipeline
- Senate voted for only 2 month extension
- Forced a bad decision for political expediency



# What's ahead?

- **No government shutdown threat because of spending bill passed in December**
- **Congress will consider Fiscal Year 2013 budget**
- **House will need to pass 12 appropriations bills before September 30, 2012**



# The House will pass more bills that die in the Senate

## Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act

Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act

Putting the Gulf of Mexico  
Back to Work Act

Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act

Consumer Financial Protection and  
Soundness Improvement Act

Veterans Opportunity to Work Act

EPA Regulatory Relief Act

Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act

Restarting American Offshore  
Leasing Now Act

**Budget for Fiscal Year 2012** Energy Tax Prevention Act

Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act

Disapproval of FCC's Net  
Neutrality Regulations

Jobs & Energy Permitting Act of 2011

Community Bank Resource Improvement Act

Coal Residuals Reuse & Management Act

Access to Capital for Job  
Creators Act

North American-Made Energy Security Act

Southeast Arizona Resource Utilization & Conservation Act

Small Company Capital Formation Act

3% Withholding Rule Repeal

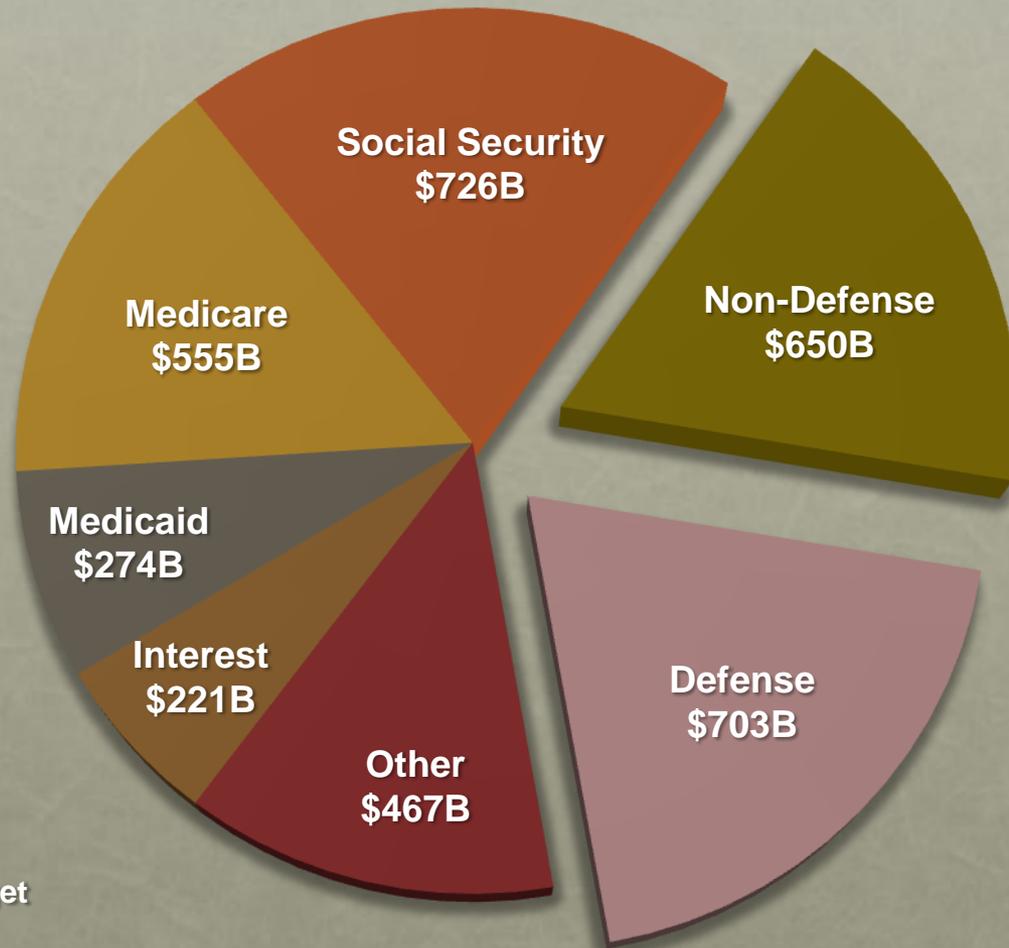
Entrepreneur Access  
to Capital Act

# Entitlement spending continues on autopilot

Fiscal Year 2011 - \$3.6 Trillion

## Autopilot Spending

\$2.2 Trillion  
62%



## Discretionary Spending

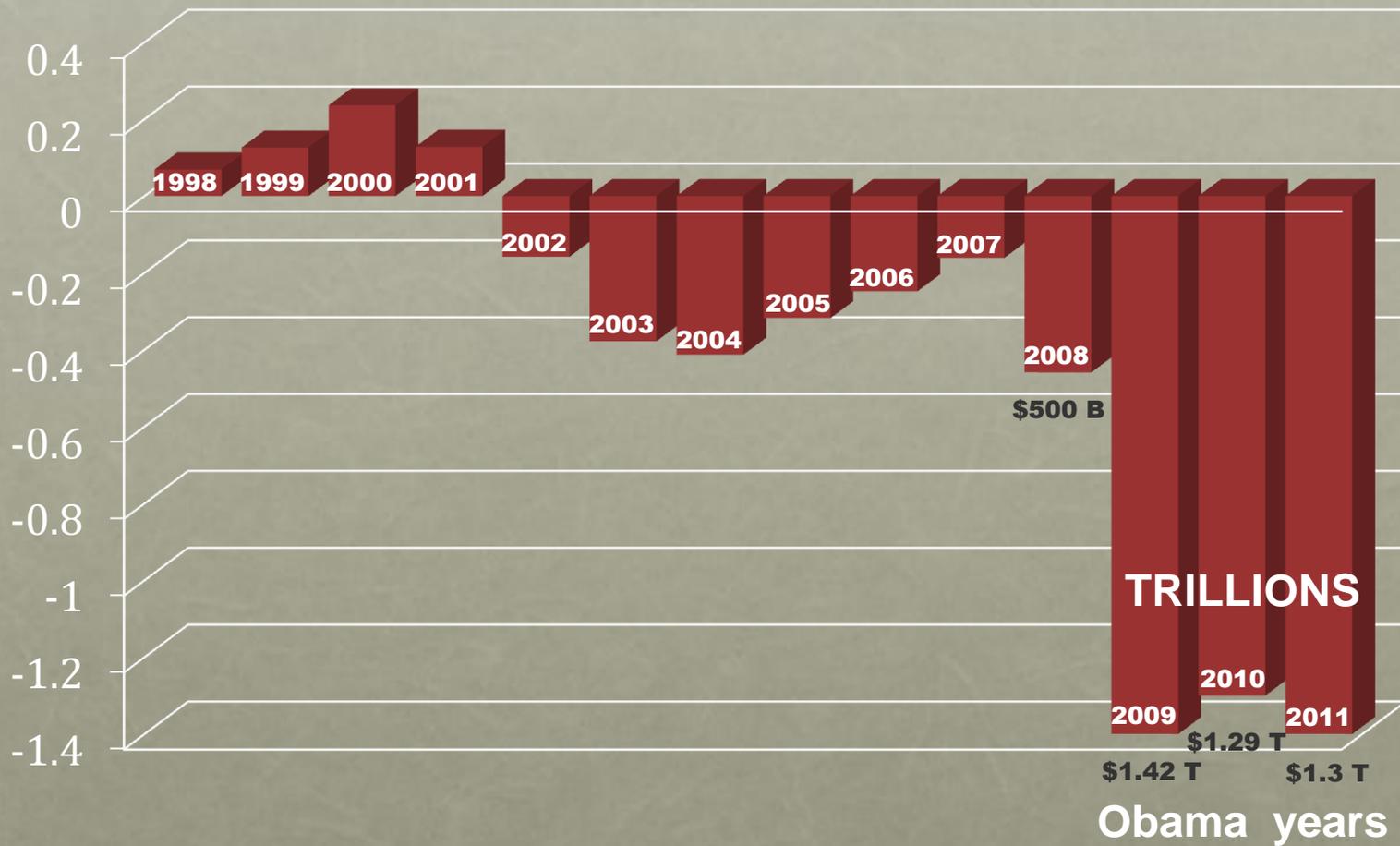
\$1.4 Trillion  
38%

# AND THE DEBT GROWS

- As part of Budget Control Act, debt limit increased \$400 billion in August & \$500 billion in September
- President Obama will ask for final \$1.2 trillion increase
- Both Houses of Congress may enact a resolution of disapproval
- House of Representatives will disapprove, what will Senate do?

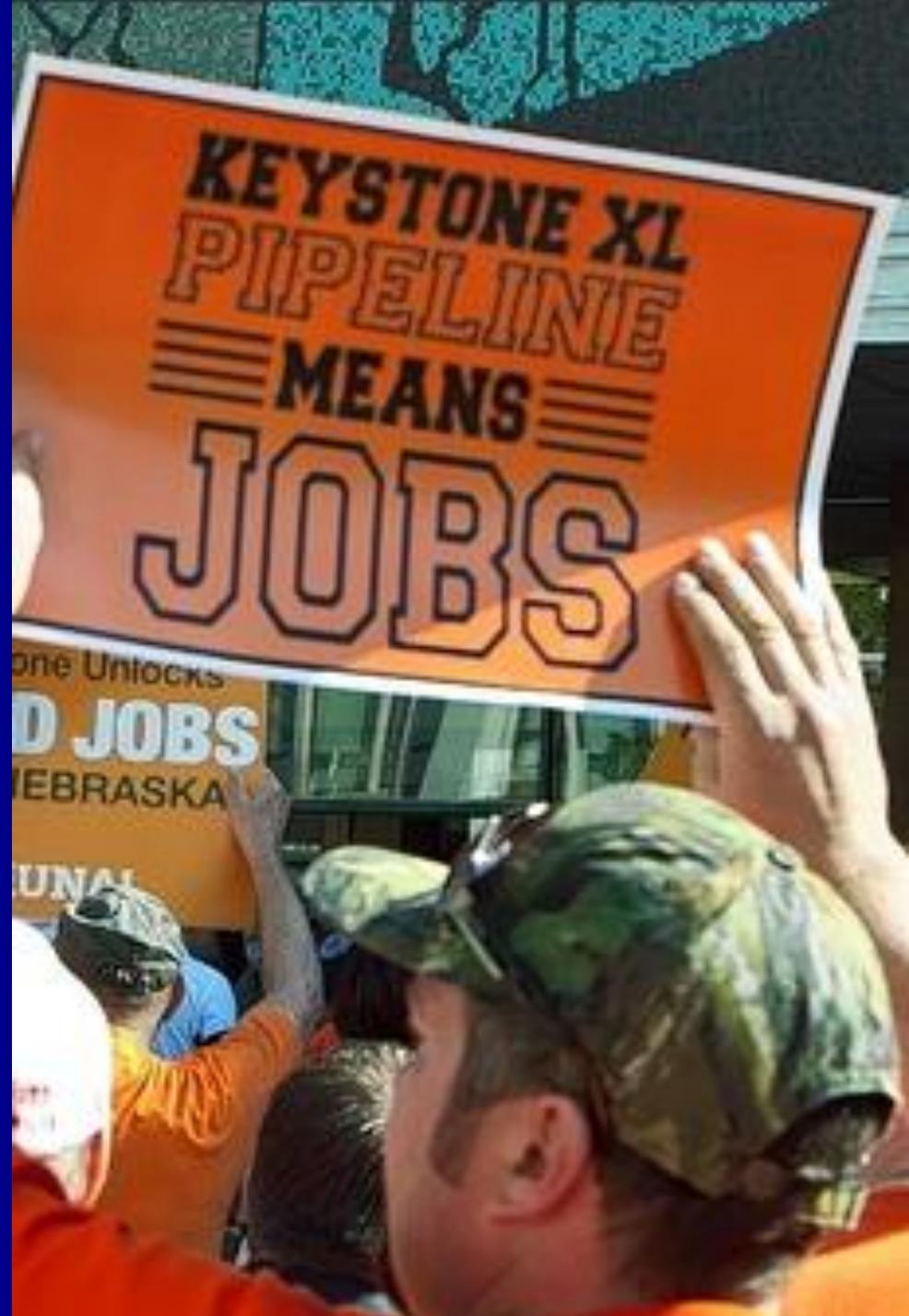


# Plunging Deficits



# Mr. President, make a decision already!

- Will create 20,000 direct manufacturing and construction jobs, up to 118,000 related jobs
- Up to 830,000 barrels of oil per day to the United States
- By 2030, could provide 92% of our liquid fuel needs



# 2011 LIE OF THE YEAR

- **According to PolitiFact: the Democratic line that Republicans voted "to end Medicare"**
- **Ignores the fact that people 55+ would remain on traditional Medicare**
- **Even with the privatized system under Ryan's bill, younger people would still receive a guarantee of care.**



# A region in turmoil



# **An essential committment**

- **Authorized foreign aid to Israel at requested level**
- **Israel must be allowed to defend itself from external and internal aggression**
- **An undivided Jerusalem must be recognized as the nation's only capital**



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