

(Washington) ---- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) will introduce today three separate pieces of legislation to cut wasteful defense spending. The legislation will be voted on by American citizens through the *YouCut* project.

“The Federal Government has a spending problem,” West said. “While the Democrats continue to propose to add trillions of dollars in new spending and new taxes, I am keeping my promise to my constituents to responsibly cut government spending in order to get the American Fiscal House back in order. As I have stated, all government programs must be thoroughly scrutinized, including the Department of Defense. After serving 22 years in the United States Army, I am aware of areas where saving money is very possible. These cuts are aimed at wasteful Defense Department spending and will not affect the overall mission of our men and women in uniform in protecting our national security.”

Congressman West will introduce the following three pieces of legislation to be voted on via the YouCut program:

- House Resolution to reduce the printing and reproduction budget by 10%. Would generate \$35.7 million in savings in FY12, reaching nearly \$180 million in savings through FY16.
- House Resolution to reduce funding for Defense studies, analysis and evaluations by 10%. Would generate a savings of \$24 million in FY12, returning up to \$120 million to the treasury through FY16.
- House Resolution to restrict payout of annual nationwide adjustment and locality pay for below satisfactory workers. Would generate approximately \$21 million in savings while increasing productivity in the workforce. As employees become more satisfactory in future years, the savings would be approximately \$80 million through FY16.

American citizens have from today through April 5th to place their vote online for the piece of legislation they would like to see enacted. After the votes are tallied, Congressman West will offer the piece of legislation which received the most support from the American people on the floor of the House of Representatives for an up-or-down vote.

Americans can cast their vote by clicking: [Vote Here](#)

“I can’t think of a better way to allow the American people to have a voice about the kind of cuts that are important to them than by allowing them to vote directly via the YouCut project,” West said. “I encourage all constituents of the 22nd Congressional District of Florida and all Americans to vote this week and be a part of democracy at its best.”

Background: The YouCut project is a first of a kind project, designed to defeat the permissive culture of runaway spending in the United States Congress. It allows Americans to vote, both online and by cell phone, on spending cuts that Americans want to see the House of Representatives enact. Each week that the House is in session, the winning item will be offered on the floor for an up-or-down vote.

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