

By Clayton Henkel

The U.S. House on Thursday passed a Republican budget reconciliation bill that will spare the military from mandatory budget cuts next year, replacing those cuts with reductions in funding for food stamps, Medicaid, and other domestic programs.

The \$110 billion in scheduled cuts are just the first in a much larger debt deal that would reduce federal spending by \$1.2 trillion over the next decade.

Rep. David Price (D-NC4) was quick to criticize Thursday's passage, releasing the following statement:

"The Republican plan asks us to eliminate the breakthrough preventive health care fund created by the Affordable Care Act to provide free childhood immunizations and breast cancer screenings. It also would eliminate health coverage for at least 300,000 kids on the Children's Health Insurance Program, reduce food and nutrition assistance that goes to 20 million households and kick another 300,000 children off school meal programs. Should we ask these children to go hungry so that the wealthiest can keep their Bush tax cuts?

"These shameful cuts are only 'necessary' because Republicans continue to insist that no revenue can ever be raised to reduce the deficit and pay for programs that benefit our people. Valuing tax breaks for the wealthy over the health of children and women is wrong. I will vote no, and I urge House Republicans to embrace a balanced approach to averting the sequester that is consistent with American values."

Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC3) was one of 16 Republicans to vote against the GOP reconciliation bill.

Here's how the rest of North Carolina's congressional delegation voted:

Yea

Rep. Renee Ellmers – 2nd District

Rep. Virginia Foxx – 5th District

Rep. Howard Coble – 6th District

Rep. Sue Myrick – 9th District

Rep. Patrick McHenry – 10th District

Nay

Rep. G.K. Butterfield – 1st District

Rep. Walter Jones – 3rd District

Rep. David Price – 4th District

Rep. Larry Kissell – 8th District

Rep. Heath Shuler – 11th District

Rep. Mel Watt – 12th District

Rep. Brad Miller – 13th District

Not Voting

Rep. Mike McIntyre – 7th District