WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) released the following statement following today's vote on HR 1473:

"The men and women of our armed forces make daily sacrifices to protect U.S. security and interests around the world. Their salaries and financial security must not be used as a negotiating chip here in Washington. Today, I voted for HR 1473 which will provide the Department of Defense and other departments and agencies with the funds they need to continue operating for the remainder of the fiscal year.

"With this legislation passed, I look forward to the upcoming budget debate."

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