

WASHINGTON-Congressman Todd Akin, member of the House Committee on the Budget, voiced disappointment in the deal for a two-month payroll tax cut extension.

Akin, who supported the House one year extension on the Social Security payroll tax instead of the two-month Senate version, as a comprehensive package and a means to provide stability and continuity to the economy released the following statement:

“I am disappointed that our republican leadership in both the House and Senate chose a course of political expediency rather than standing on conservative principle.

“By the use of extraordinary measures, our house leadership advanced a bill that I am certain many conservative members are not happy with.

“I remain very concerned that this two month extension does not provide stability and is administratively onerous for small business. Further it is much inferior to the House bill which was a comprehensive package that included a year-long tax break, and a two year “doc fix” to Medicare.

“It is my belief that it is far better to stand on principle than to act on perceived short-term political advantage.”