

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative Richard Hanna today issued the following statement on the Balanced Budget Amendment vote:

"A constitutional amendment to limit federal debt has been discussed since the early years of our republic. Our national debt just surpassed \$15 trillion. This is unsustainable.

"It is clear Washington cannot control itself when it comes to spending your money. That's why today I supported the Balanced Budget Amendment.

"Without an effective limit on borrowing and deficits, our economy cannot grow and create the jobs we desperately need. Most important is the future we're leaving for our children. No one wants to pass less to their children or leave the world worse than it was inherited. It's about time Washington started living by those principles, too. A Balanced Budget Amendment is a big step in the right direction."