I voted Yes on H.J.Res. 117, the Continuing Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013.

This legislation would provide a six-month extension of funding for discretionary federal government operations lasting through March 27, 2013. Under current law, funding for discretionary spending is set to expire after September 30, 2012.

This funding level is consistent with spending caps contained in the Budget Control Act, which was signed into law in 2011. Regular appropriated funding in the bill is set at 0.6 percent higher than 2012 levels. However, total funding under the bill is $27 billion below annualized 2012 spending levels, because of significant cuts in Overseas Contingency Operations due in large part to the military draw-down in Afghanistan.

I supported this legislation because it would keep our government running for six months at responsible levels, while still realizing $27 billion in savings for taxpayers.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 329 – 91.