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## **Rokita Votes for Line-Item Veto**

### **Legislation Will Fight Wasteful Spending, Protect Separation of Powers**

Washington, DC – Today Rep. Todd Rokita voted for H.R. 3521, the Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011, legislation that will allow the President to specify wasteful spending that should be removed from appropriations bills for stand-alone consideration by Congress.

*“One of the reasons our nation continues to run trillion dollar budget deficits and pile up trillions in debt for our children and grandchildren is the billions of dollars of wasteful spending loaded onto appropriations bills. This legislation, which passed with bipartisan support, is another important tool, along with the House’s ban on earmarks, to fight wasteful spending,”* Rokita said.

*“But this legislation and the other House Budget Committee process reforms alone will not solve our nation’s budget crisis. That will require the President and the Senate to commit themselves to serious spending restraint, real cuts, and substantive reforms to address the structural drivers of our debt, namely entitlement spending.”*

H.R. 3521 will allow the President to specify wasteful spending that should be removed from appropriations bills for stand-alone consideration by Congress. Legislation implementing the identified spending cancellations will receive expedited consideration and an automatic up-or-down vote in both chambers of Congress. Should Congress approve the each ‘rescission’ bill, every dollar of savings will be devoted to deficit reduction.

The Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011 passed 254-173.

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