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THE SENATE HAS PASSED, 64 - 35, A RESOLUTION I COSPONSORED THAT WILL ALLOW AN ALREADY DEFERRED PAY RAISE FOR SOME WHITE COLLAR CIVIL SERVANTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL TO GO INTO EFFECT.

THIS YEAR ALONE, I HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN EFFORTS ON THE SENATE FLOOR TO CUT SPENDING BILLS TO A BARE MINIMUM. CHANGE IN SENATE SENTIMENT HAS ALLOWED US TO TRIM NEARLY \$8 BILLION FROM THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

THOSE REDUCTIONS WERE ALL MADE EVENLY, AND IN THE SPIRIT OF UNIFORM SACRIFICE. IF WE HAD NOT ALLOWED THIS LEGITIMATE CATCH UP ADJUSTMENT FOR 1.3 MILLION CIVIL SERVANTS AND 2.2 MILLION IN THE MILITARY, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF SINGLING OUT ONE SMALL SEGMENT OF THE PUBLIC TO BEAR AN UNFAIR PORTION OF THE INFLATION BURDEN.