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Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, voted for a bipartisan measure to cut office budgets for members of the House of Representatives by five percent Thursday. The legislation is estimated to save $35 million during 2011, according to McNerney's office.

"Tackling the debt is a critical issue facing our country, and we have to take this challenge more seriously than ever before," McNerney said in a news release. "We'll face tough decisions in the coming weeks, months and years, and it's appropriate that Congress demonstrate its commitment to fiscal responsibility by reducing its operating budget."

During his first two terms in office, McNerney opposed pay raises for members of Congress and voted against increases to congressional office budgets.

Thursday's resolution passed the House of Representatives in the house by a 410-13 vote.