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Washington, D.C. – Keeping his commitment to fiscal responsibility, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today voted for a bipartisan measure to cut office budgets for members of the House of Representatives by five percent. The legislation is estimated to save $35 million during 2011.

“Tackling the debt is a critical issue facing our country, and we have to take this challenge more seriously than ever before,” said Rep. McNerney. “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. I was proud to join a bipartisan group of my colleagues and vote for a five percent cut in Congressional office budgets.”

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

The resolution to cut Congressional office budgets passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 410-13.