Washington, D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement today after voting for H.J. Res. 2, legislation proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution:

"Today Speaker John Boehner tried a mighty effort to get Democrats to go along with a version of a Balanced Budget that he believed Democrats would vote for," said King. "I think that what was proven today is that Democrats are opposed to any balancing of the budget, because they voted against this very weak Balanced Budget Amendment that doesn't have enough teeth in it, in my view... So now the next step needs to be, let's get the Balanced Budget Amendment right. Let's put in an 18 % cap for spending on gross domestic product. Let's require a 2/3 super majority in order to raise taxes."

"We need to get that into the dialogue of the presidential candidates; elect a president who receives a mandate from the American people calling for such an amendment; put that before the next Congress; and send it to the states for ratification, so that our grandchildren aren't living in this perpetual debt that's been passed here and spent by this Congress and signed by this President."

Congressman King also spoke yesterday to the Tea Party Debt Commission about the importance of a strong Balanced Budget Amendment.

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