WASHINGTON (February 1) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) this evening voted to continue a pay freeze for Members of Congress.

Bachus joined with a strong majority of 309-117 to pass legislation to continue a moratorium on salary increases that is due to expire at the end of the year. Bachus rejected the arguments of the Democrats who opposed the legislation.

“At a time when many Americans are being forced to do with less, Members of Congress should not give themselves a pay raise,” said Congressman Bachus.

Bachus has had a practice of returning pay increases approved during a term to the U.S. Treasury dating to 2002.

The legislation extending the freeze on pay hikes for Members of Congress and non-military federal employees through 2013 achieved the two-thirds majority needed for passage under House procedural rules.