

**Washington D.C.** – Congressman Kevin McCarthy gave the following remarks in support of the Cut, Cap and Balance Act at the weekly House Republican leadership press conference:

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TRANSCRIPT:

Today is going to be a very big contrast in approach that Republicans and the President have taken when it comes to major issues. The President talks about big things, but I think the American public expects more than a big speech. The Congressional Budget Office says they cannot score a speech, and there is no plan by the President. We are two weeks out. There is no budget by the Senate. The American public expects us to get back to work—expects us to get a job done. Today you will see a bill on the floor that is straightforward – no more budget tricks, no more accounting gimmicks, no more lies to the American public. We will cut currently, we will cap it and then we will balance it for the future. The Democrats sit back and say somehow that they are opposed to a balanced budget. Sixteen years ago, if they had that one more vote, we wouldn't be here today. I want you all to imagine for one moment, imagine had that vote passed, what would our press conference be about today. Would we be investing in something different? Would we be worried about unemployment? Or would we be wondering about how big America is growing? Well, now is the opportunity. We welcome Democrats to join with us today, but if they don't, we will pass it on our own. That is the contrast, that is the difference—that we will lead. We challenge the President to join with us. This is a plan on the table. Republicans have been in good faith, this Speaker, this Leader have sat in meeting after meeting after meeting. The message has never changed from this President; he just wants to spend more. That's not where the American public is, and we cannot continue to wait. So today is a forward movement. We ask the Senate to join with us, we ask House Democrats to join with us and we ask, once and for all, for the President. No more big speeches, let's make America move in a big direction.