



**Response to today's budget debate**  
**LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Chuck Kleckley, Speaker, Jim Fannin, Appropriations Chair**

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**“Great day in the People’s House...”**

Comments from the Speaker:

“The Members of the House of Representatives take their jobs very seriously, doing the work of the citizens of Louisiana; today was a great day in the People’s House as we worked hard to balance the revenues and expenses of the state.”

“We now have a budget plan, because every member of this House had a voice, and each of those voices spoke clearly for the people they represent. As Speaker, I commend each and every one of our Members and the work they’ve done.”

“This is not just an improved budget, but this was the first step toward an improved budget process. Our economy, our health, the education of our children and young adults, and the lives of our citizens will all benefit from a responsible budget and improved process.”

“This is a responsible budget, balancing cost cutting with increased revenue, and is good for business, education, healthcare and our taxpayers.”

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Comments from Rep. Fannin:

“This process has been exactly what you want in representative government. This budget bill has been created with the input of each member here.”

“We’ve taken a bill that didn’t seem to satisfy anyone, and have worked it until we’ve created a bill that, though it may not please everyone seems to be satisfactory. That’s compromise.”

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