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***** Vote Alert: Center for Fiscal Accountability
Urges Support for Coburn PAYGO Amendment to
Baucus Substitute*****

*Center for Fiscal Accountability MAY RATE a VOTE IN SUPPORT OF Amendment No.
3358 to the Baucus Substitute for H.R.4213*

The Center for Fiscal Accountability urges all Members of the U.S. Senate to support Sen. Tom Coburn's PAYGO amendment to the Baucus substitute for H.R. 4213. **Note that the Coburn transparency amendment is the only *real* transparency amendment to this bill.**

Sen. Coburn's amendment would require the Senate to publicly disclose (and to update weekly) on the front page of its website detailed information on its spending decisions made this year, so that taxpayers can get a clear, current and accurate picture of the path of federal spending and how it relates to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010.

Specifically, the bill requires the itemized online posting of the following:

- The total amount of discretionary and direct spending by the Senate that has not been paid for, including emergency designated spending or spending otherwise exempted from PAYGO requirements.
- The total amount of net spending authorized in legislation passed by the Senate, as scored by CBO.
- The number of new government programs created in legislation passed by the Senate.
- The totals for the first three bullet points as passed by both Houses of Congress and signed into law by the President.

There's another amendment being touted as a "transparency" amendment. Note, however, that Sen. Baucus's amendment (#3429), while not problematic on its own merits, would merely require the posting of information that already readily exists online, not a tally of total spending.

The Coburn amendment (#3358) deserves your support as is the only amendment to the bill that achieves *true* transparency.

Vote YES on the Coburn Amendment!

*The Center for Fiscal Accountability MAY SCORE POSITIVELY a VOTE IN SUPPORT OF
Amendment No. 3358 to the Baucus Substitute for H.R.4213*