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WASHINGTON – House Republican Whip Roy Blunt (Mo.) today commended the efforts of House Republicans in bringing forward substantive, straightforward ideas to spur long-term economic growth and create new jobs in America. Blunt issued the following statement:

“Though much of the focus in Washington these past couple weeks has been on forging agreement on a short-term stimulus package, this Congress ought to be focusing on strategies for growing the economy in a way that not only helps American families pay their bills this month, but every month.

“Understanding the challenges our economy faces, both at home and abroad, Republican leaders in the House are confronting the issue head-on and full-bore, and some of the legislation they’re starting to produce bears that out.

“Today, members of the Republican Study Committee introduced the Economic Growth Act of 2008, smart legislation that will help encourage businesses to invest in America and expand their operations here. Dovetailing that effort, Rep. David Dreier (R-Calif.) also introduced today the Fair and Simple Tax (FAST) Act, with an eye on simplifying the tax code and reducing its burden on hard-working, middle-class families. My friend and colleague Eric Cantor, our chief deputy whip, also recently introduced the Middle Class Jobs Protection Act, which if passed would go an awful long way toward building an economy that’s willing, able and ready to create new jobs.

“As these discussions continue, it’s clear the ideas being put forth by this diverse group of Republicans will inform the debate in a meaningful way.”

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