

# What is being said about SAFE?

“We need to re-impose tough budget controls...A bipartisan commission that would make recommendations for an up-or-down vote by Congress would be a positive step to making this a reality.”

~ U.S. Comptroller David Walker (1998-2008), *The Financial Times*, 9/22/2008

“With the dollar plummeting in value, and so much of our debt being carried by foreign entities, and the fuse on the Baby Boom entitlement explosion inching toward detonation, it’s high time more people awakened to the rumblings in the fiscal forest. For the moment, it seems, Frank Wolf and Jim Cooper sit high in the watch tower, alone.”

~ *The Winchester Star*, 6/28/2008

“When Congress lacked the political will to act on military realignment and base closures, it created a series of commissions staffed by bipartisan experts to render recommendations. Congress then gave the recommendation straight up-or-down votes. If Congress lacks the political will to make difficult decisions on entitlement spending, it should follow that model.”

~ *San Antonio Express-News*, 3/29/2008

“The bill – H.R. 3654 – would give the commission some teeth by requiring Congress to take an up-or-down vote on the recommendation from a 16-member bipartisan panel.”

~ *Richmond Times Dispatch*, 2/16/2008

“What would distinguish this commission from its many predecessors is that Congress would have to vote on its recommendations.”

~ Robert J. Samuelson, *The Washington Post*, 10/3/2007

“The Commission would come up with a plan to restore fiscal balance, and the plan would immediately go to Congress for an up-or-down vote.”

~ David Brooks, *The New York Times*, 9/29/2007

“Two rays of bipartisan sunlight appear to be trying to shine through the clouds casting dark shadows on the nation’s long-term fiscal horizon...The two rays of bipartisan sunshine take the form of legislative proposals working their way through the House and Senate.”

~ *The Washington Times*, 9/25/2007

“The idea is that hard decisions are too difficult for politicians and must be delegated...The SAFE Commission would address the big problems with big solutions.”

~ *The Florida Times-Union*, 3/20/2007