The House Majority Leader this week announced that Congress would not consider a budget this year, for the first time since 1974. I recently spoke on the House Floor in opposition to this, and wanted to share with you my remarks.

As I noted, to govern is to choose, and choices must be made within our budget to resolve this serious fiscal situation. Yes, the choices before us are hard, and restoring the economic strength of our nation will be difficult, but tightening the belt, making hard choices, relieving the massive debt that will otherwise be left to our children and grandchildren—this is the charge of Congress. It is our duty as elected officials, and it is what the American people deserve.

You may view my speech at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NrW8ceAuVM .