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Sen. Rick Scott: I Can't Support Budget Deal That Increases Our National Debt

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Senator Rick Scott released the following statement on the upcoming budget vote.

Senator Rick Scott said, "I appreciate the work done by President Trump, Secretary Mnuchin, Leader McConnell and Senator Shelby. These are complicated deals to negotiate in divided government and I want to thank them for their hard work. This bill allows for significant investment in our military and doesn't include the liberal poison bills that House Democrats usually try to insert into important legislation. That's the good.

"Unfortunately, this bill allows for trillions of dollars to be added to our national debt, includes huge increases in nondefense discretionary spending, and doesn't even try to pay for it by cutting wasteful spending. I'm worried about the staggering debt we're leaving for our children and grandchildren. Too often in Washington, compromise means both sides get everything they want so that no one has to make a tough choice. I can't support that. As Governor of Florida, I turned

a \$4 billion deficit into \$3 billion annual surpluses and was the first Governor in 20 years to pay down state debt. We paid down \$10 billion in state debt – almost one-third of total debt. It can be done, but you have to be willing to make tough choices.

"I will vote "no" on this budget deal. As long as I am a member of the United States Senate, I will fight to rein in the out of control spending that is putting our economy at risk."

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