

Lundine Supports Budget, Tax Cuts

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Rep. Stanley N. Lundine, D-Jamestown, has voted for a federal budget resolution that reduces government spending and provides for a substantial tax cut in 1981.

"This budget resolution is the key Congressional tool for controlling and influencing federal spending," Lundine said. "It reflects Congress' ability to discipline itself and indicates Congress' resolve to reduce the tax burden on the American people," he said.

Lundine noted that while he is not pleased that the budget resolution projects a deficit of \$25 billion, he feels that the resolution does provide an appropriate balance between reductions in spending and tax relief.

"I voted for a balanced federal budget last May," Lundine said. "But present economic conditions just won't allow it to become a reality this year."

The budget resolution passed by the House includes a \$17 billion cut

in all budget areas except national defense. Under a plan proposed by the incoming Reagan Administration, the overall reductions in spending would be achieved by reducing waste, fraud and abuse.

"This budget action shows a willingness on the part of the Congress to cooperate with the new administration," Lundine said. "It is important to note, however, that the reductions are targeted at waste, and not at essential federal program benefits and activities."

The budget resolution supported by Lundine also leaves room for enactment of a \$32 billion tax cut in 1981.

"This tax cut will help keep the nation on a course of economic

efficiency and growth," Congressman Lundine stated.

During consideration of the budget resolution Congressman Lundine voted against an amendment that would have resulted in giving the new president the authority to impound funds to make certain cuts without the consent of Congress. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 232 to 154.

"The new president will be challenged to come up with his proposed \$17 billion in cuts," Lundine said. "This amendment would have given the president total authority in reducing program appropriations and would greatly upset our delicate system of checks and balances."