

D.G. Martin Feels

Propose "Pay-As-You-Go" Plan To Help Control Deficit

When asked recently how he would help bring the federal government's huge budget deficit under control, Democratic Congressional hopeful D.G. Martin flashed a confident smile.

He knew the U.S. House of Representatives had passed a non-binding resolution approving a "pay-as-you-go" approach to the problem - the same type of proposal Martin has strongly advocated since the beginning of his candidacy last December.

Basically, the candidates' proposal, which is very similar to the one being studied by Congress, calls for budgeting procedures which require every new program to provide also for revenue to pay for that program.

"We need to get this huge budget deficit under control and bring financial prudence back to the federal budgeting process," Martin said. "I don't believe it is fair to pass on the burden of our government's money mismanagement to our children. We can't obligate our children to pay for all of the programs we want today but are not willing to pay for."

Martin has made addressing the federal budget problems a cornerstone of his election platform.

Other issues he has emphasized are increasing support for our conventional defensive forces, a better-defined foreign policy in Central America, a clean environment and a stronger emphasis on providing better education and resources for the nation's



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Citing his qualifications to deal with the budget deficit, Martin characterized himself as a "tough, independent problem solver," a demeanor honed during his service as a Green Beret officer, extensive experience as an attorney working for clients in Washington, D.C., and as an active civic leader in Charlotte.

His pragmatic approach to solving problems makes Martin particularly well-suited to tackle the federal deficit problem, he said.

"I've worked in Washington for 15 years during my legal practice," Martin said. "I know what it's going to take to get a grip

on this budget problem, and I know I have the leadership abilities to handle the responsibility."

Congress, he said, has made the budget issue a "political volleyball," batting the blame from one political party to the other while not making any progress toward resolving the problem.

"Our leaders have talked a lot about it, but we have yet to see anyone really do anything about it," Martin observed.

The candidate pointed to his independence from the influence of political action committees and special interests as the major difference his candidacy offers toward solving the

nation's budget crisis.

"The backbone of my election effort has been from the financial and emotional support of individuals, not lobbyists, PACs or special interest groups," Martin said. "The result has been a freedom from outside influence, which makes me someone who will be a truer representative of the individual people of this district."

Martin said the deficit must also be attacked by doing away with waste and inefficiency in government programs. Added revenues from economic growth and from the closing of tax loopholes could also be other means of bringing the budget problem under control, he said.

Raising taxes to pay for new programs would only be considered if both government leaders and their constituents agreed on the value of the program being considered, Martin said.

The budget problem, the candidate concluded, is his first priority because it has such a "profound" influence on all other aspects of

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