WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08), a leading proponent of fiscal restraint in Congress, urged her colleagues on the House Budget committee today to approve a bill she introduced with Chairman John Spratt (SC-05) and others to expedite the elimination of wasteful spending.

The Budget committee held a hearing today on the bill, the *Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act,* H.R. 5454, which grants the Administration powers similar to the line-item veto. It grants the Administration authority to send suggested spending cuts back to Congress after it passes and sends a bill to the President for approval. after it passes a spending bill. Congress would then be required to take an up or down vote on the entire package of cuts, without amendment.

“I supported line-item veto legislation in the 109th Congress, under the Bush Administration, and I again support these expedited powers for President Obama to eliminate wasteful spending,” Bean said. “This empowers the President to assist us in executing serious structural changes to the way we do business, to reduce our national debt.”