

NEWS FLASH, August 10, 2011

This morning, Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced their picks for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. This is the committee tasked with determining additional reductions to the deficit by November 23.

From the House:

- Dave Camp (R-MI), Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee
- Fred Upton (R-MI), Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chair of the House Republican Conference, Vice Chair of the Committee on Financial Services

From the Senate:

- Jon Kyl (R-AZ), serves on Senate Finance Committee, Ranking Member on Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight
- Rob Portman (R-OH), former director of the OMB under George W. Bush
- Pat Toomey (R-PA), Tea Party favorite

Rep. Hensarling will co-chair the Super Committee with Senator Patty Murray (D-WA).

Read more about the selection at:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/budget/176261-gop-announces-its-picks-for-supercommittee> and <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0811/61028.html>

Also, last night, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) made the opening move on super committee appointments when he appointed three Democratic Senators for the committee. He selected:

- Patty Murray (D-WA), chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the main fundraising committee for Senate Democrats. She also serves on the Senate Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee
- Max Baucus (D-MT), Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over Medicare and Medicaid. He also serves on the Justice Committee
- John Kerry (D-MA), he also serves on Senate Finance and Justice.

These three are strong supporters of the Affordable Care Act.

For more information on Senator Reid's selection, go to:

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0811/60980.html>