

The Forgetful Fifteen



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They voted to add another \$1 billion to the taxpayer's credit card

These 15 Republican lawmakers appear to have forgotten their promises of limited government and fiscal responsibility. Minnesota is in the midst of a financial crisis that threatens to bankrupt our state. But this did not stop these lawmakers from voting to add an additional \$1 billion in debt to the state's balance sheet, thereby exceeding the state's credit limit.

What could possibly be so important that we need to borrow a billion dollars in the midst of a fiscal crisis? How about volleyball courts, gorilla cages, bike trails, a women's hockey center and campgrounds? These are just some of the many pork-barrel spending projects to be funded by the bonding bill.

It is behavior like this that is leading many Republicans to question whether these lawmakers deserve to be re-endorsed by their party. Delegates must decide if this is the type of representation they want in our state legislature.