

# Congressman makes tour stop at public library

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trillions and billions and now we are talking about trillions.”  
 He said if Congress were to accept the President’s budget the county would have four straight years of trillion dollar deficits. That is unheard of in the history of our country and the world, he said.  
 “I get asked where that debt is coming from,” he said. “It comes down to three main programs called entitlements – Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare.  
 “Medicare is expected – by the Medicare trustees – that in seven to 13 years it will be defaulting on its

obligations if we do nothing.  
 “Medicaid is bankrupting some states and is in trouble in other like ours (Kansas).  
 “And Social Security this last year for the first time the dollars being paid out exceeded the dollars being paid in. The system is insolvent today. Now there are a bunch of IOUs, and that might be nice, but I have been asked ‘Huelskamp you have been there 100 days, have you solved the Social Security problem.’”  
 He said Sen. Harry Reid, Democratic leader in the Senate, said not to worry about Social Security, we’ll talk about it in about 20 years.

“There is good new and bad news,” Huelskamp said. “There is \$3.8 trillion the federal government borrowed from the Social Security system over the past five decades – note that all that \$3.8 trillion was spent – there is an IOU, but you don’t have any money on hand and we are going to be paying out more than we are taking in. We won’t be borrowing another dime because there will not be any excess revenue unless there is some sort of mass Social Security tax increase.  
 “That is the status today. If nothing changes about three decades from now when I retire those three programs would be our entire bud-

get. There would be nothing else.  
 “National defense is a real constitutional responsibility, but we would not be able to pay for that if we don’t do something about those three programs.”  
 Another part of the debt problem Huelskamp said was about 40 years ago 5 percent of the national debt was owned by foreigners, about 20 years ago that was 19 percent, and today 50 percent of the debt is owned by foreigners.  
 He said the top government is China and Japan is number two. He said with the tsunami and the \$300 billion in cost to Japan their debt was downgraded, and he said the

United States is sort of heading that way as well.  
 “That puts China in the drivers seat,” he said, “and this means something not just on fiscal policy, monetary policy, budget policy, but this affects foreign policy. Some of the folks here might have served in World War II, and we have had an agreement we would defend Taiwan from the Chinese. Do you think out bankers are going to help fund that war. Taiwan is on their own.”  
 He said a couple of weeks ago the House had the discussion on the floor about what we are going to do about the debt problem.  
 “It is the next generation or two

who will be indebted to the Chinese to pay this off,” he said.  
 He said the House budget is a general framework for moving the country forward and made some changes to entitlements.  
 “If you are under 55 there are some changes, but if you are over 55 there were no changes,” he said.  
 “We had a much needed tax reform proposal, welfare reform proposal and cuts in programs I don’t think we need.  
 “It is a pretty big proposal, but again this is the start of the process because it is the answer to the unsustainable situation we have.”

# Rep. Huelskamp asks for budget, debt suggestions from audience

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that we have to borrow 42 percent of every dollar we are spending on it that is the threshold.  
 “I have said it would be good to make cuts, but this would be Draconian and I would not feel we could get the votes for that.  
 “I agree with you about the balanced budget amendment. It would probably take at least five years to get it passed, but it is a hard budget and it is some leverage.”  
 Dr. Ed Mills, president of Northwest Technical College, said he felt the technical colleges are not on a level playing field. He said unlike

the community colleges who have some local tax base, the technical college only have two means of revenue – state aid and tuition. He said the colleges get zero from the federal and most of the students are on financial aid.  
 “I read the reports and see millions of dollars going to the big urban colleges and universities,” Dr. Mills said, “and it is very hard for the small rural colleges to get anything. We are wondering if there is anything you can do to level the playing field.  
 “Those 1 million new jobs are people who are going to come from the small colleges, not the four year institutions. The businesses are

looking for highly skilled laborers and trained in diesel mechanics, electrical, com tech and other areas we have on our campus. Those are who are going to fill those jobs, but our support from the federal level is zero. Someone is not paying attention up on the hill. We need some opportunity to get some attention.”  
 “I agree with you Dr. Mills,” Huelskamp said. “That is where those jobs need to come from. Our education system is so focused on not meeting those needs. It is almost set up that way and have have problems at the state level and the federal level and those are the jobs that will fill that.

“I will say I think this is a great time for rural America, and if we can meet our energy needs it is going to be even better.”  
 Diane Stiles, assistant vice president of student affairs at Northwest Tech, asked Huelskamp if he had reviewed the requests for letters of support for the college for some grants they were seeking.  
 Huelskamp said he knew several requests had reached his office, but he was not sure how to handle those yet. He said he was not sure why he was being asked to review these and felt it was up to the agencies who handle the grants.  
 Stiles said the grants were sent to Huelskamp’s office because the

agencies want to know the representatives are supporting the requests.

Huelskamp said he would work out something to handle these.

# Northwest Tech ranked in top 10 percent in country

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by all of today’s community college students – the workers who have returned to school to improve their job prospects, the mothers who juggle jobs and childcare while preparing for new careers and those who work diligently while at community college, preparing to transfer to a four-year institution.”  
 Northwest Kansas Technical College and 119 other community colleges will be winnowed to eight-to-ten finalists in September based on how much students learn, how

many complete their programs on time, and how well students do in the job market after graduating.  
 Northwest Tech is eligible to submit an application containing detailed data on these criteria. The college must demonstrate that it delivers exceptional student results, uses data to drive decisions, and uses that information to continually improve over time.  
 Speaking for the jury who will select winners and finalists, former Governor of Michigan John Engler – president of the Business Roundtable and former president of the

National Association of Manufacturers – emphasized the tremendous importance of community colleges in preparing the high-tech workforce American companies need.  
 Aspen will conduct site visits to each of the 10 finalists in the fall. And, based on the evidence, the Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and two to three runners-up, to be announced in December.  
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