

WASHINGTON – House Rules Committee Ranking Member Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today released the following statement after House Republicans introduced symbolic legislation to “Dream and Pass” H.R. 1, their extreme spending legislation already rejected by the Senate. H.R. 1 has been estimated to cost 700,000 American jobs. Last year, the procedure to “deem and pass” legislation through the House was derided by Republicans as the “Slaughter Solution” and Speaker Boehner even called it “an affront to every American” ( [Watch more criticism from Whip Cantor here](#) ).

**“The Republicans have come up with a great April Fool’s Day gag on the American people – on Friday they will pretend they can ‘deem’ that the Senate has passed their extreme spending legislation. There hasn’t been much to smile about during the 112th Congress but this Republican attempt to ‘deem and pass’ makes me chuckle. It’s nice to be in the Majority, but it doesn’t give you supernatural powers – you can’t deem that the Senate has passed a bill that they have already rejected.**

**“I urge my Republican colleagues to come back to the table and find common ground with Democrats. In the meantime I’ll keep waiting for Speaker Boehner to jump out on Friday and yell ‘April Fools!’**