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The much ballyhooed talk of the new budget deal is over. I'm still trying to figure out who is supposed to be happy about this and why. But what I know for sure, is that the GOP has told a big lie to the people and its supporters, and it came from the mouth of the Speaker of the House, John Boehner.

Remember when former Speaker Nancy Pelosi said of the Obamacare legislation, "Let's pass it and then we can see what's in it?" I remember my anger with Pelosi, who I despise as much as a cockroach, over her statement since it shows a blatant disregard for the welfare of the people and the same disregard for taxpayer's money. The attitude was 'we are going to do it and to hell with the people.'

At the same time Pelosi was making her case so was the GOP in the House with then minority leader Boehner. That's when Boehner said, "If we're lucky enough to be in the majority, and I'm lucky enough to be the Speaker, I will not bring a bill to the floor that hasn't been posted online for at least 72 hours." That's what he said and that is what he promised.

The GOP won the majority in the House and now Boehner is Speaker of the House. So what happens now regarding the budget legislation? On Tuesday, the representative of the House, Republican Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and the representative from the Senate, Patty Murray, Democrat from Washington, held a news conference to tell us of the new joint budget resolution

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and what a great thing it was for America. Naturally, we should have known that was a lie. Whenever Republicans and Democrats agree on something and are happy to tell us about it a much higher probability always exists; that the taxpayers are being lied to and the news is actually bad for taxpayers.

After the announcement the technology people at the House were not able to post the resolution online until about midnight...according to the government records. Yet, Boehner moved quickly to get a vote, which he did on Thursday, far less than the 72 hours he promised.

When Boehner made this promise in 2012 I was pleased and thought that 72 hours was a reasonable time to post the legislation, for people to read it, for the media to get on it and ask questions, etc. I actually felt pretty good about Boehner's promise at that time and believe it is a rule that both the House and Senate should adopt and always keep, excluding true national emergencies, etc.

But why? Well, it looks like the Republicans took a play from Pelosi's playbook. I have every reason to believe that this was done to prevent proper disclosure for fear of a failed vote. That tells me that the Republicans know that the budget resolution will actually be disappointing news to their followers.

The most disturbing news I read came from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO)...A \$63.2 billion proposed increase in spending canceling almost 35 percent of the sequester cuts scheduled for 2014 and 2015 will be offset by just a \$6.25 billion cut to spending and a \$269 million increase of revenue in those years.

More of the supposed deficit reduction (about \$78 billion) will not happen until 2016 through 2023, including \$28 billion of proposed cuts to defense and non-defense spending that will not take place until 2022 and 2023.

Ryan said that taxes would not be raised but he failed to verbally disclose the fact that there would be tremendous fee increases, such as fees (taxes) on airline tickets, something that should enrage the business community since it depends heavily on air travel.

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How did our representative vote? Martha Roby voted in favor of the resolution, which is no surprise. I'm sure she was just being a good, dutiful soldier.

And they wonder, don't they, why their ratings are at an all-time low? The President's ratings are terrible and should be, but Congress' approval is only a fraction as good as his.