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(Wyo.)-After Default Threat, Senator Enzi Pushes Budget Bills



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CASPER, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Sen. Mike Enzi is pushing three bills he says could resolve future wrangling over the federal budget.

One bill would give Congress authority to cut 1 cent from every dollar in federal spending. That could include Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Enzi calls his so-called "penny plan" could balance the budget in two years.

Another Enzi bill would switch federal budgeting from an annual budgeting cycle to a two-year budgeting cycle. A third bill would impose 1 percent cuts to the 12 regular appropriations bills if Congress doesn't pass them on time.

Enzi was among 18 senators to vote last week not to raise the debt ceiling and avoid default on the nation's debt.