

“Big Spender”

Ad Back-Up

Tim Walz For Congress

TV (:30)

<i>SCRIPT</i>	<i>FACTS</i>
<p>Vo: Randy Demmer sure likes to spend other people’s money.</p> <p>Private accounts for Social Security?</p> <p>Two trillion dollars.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Demmer Supports Investing Social Security Funds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rochester Post Bulletin Reported Demmer Supports Limited Privatization. Rochester Post Bulletin, “Demmer supports a limited, voluntary privatization of some Social Security funds but falls short of an all-out privatization.” [Rochester Post Bulletin, 9/8/10]• Demmer Said He Supports The Option Of Investing Social Security. It was reported, “When you call it privatization of health care, social security, it’s more simple as far as I am concerned. It’s having control of the dollars and investing someplace. And yes, I would favor the option of being able to do that, of you being able to do that,’ Demmer said.” [Post Bulletin, 9/8/10] <p><u>FACT: Private Account Transition Could Cost \$2 Trillion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private Account Transition Costs Could Total \$2 Trillion. According to Business Week, “\$1 trillion to \$2 trillion in transition costs required to set up such accounts.” [Business Week, 1/24/05]
<p>Tax cuts for millionaires like himself?</p> <p>Seven hundred billion.</p>	<p><u>FACTS: Demmer Supported Reinstating Bush Tax Cuts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demmer Supported Reinstating Bush Tax Cuts. It was reported that, “Demmer supports reinstating all of the Bush-era tax cuts, including those for households making more than \$250,000 a year. He argues it is these wealthier taxpayers who create jobs. ‘I don’t support increasing taxes on people right now. I don’t think it is the right time. I don’t think it’s something that is good

	<p>for the economy,' he said." [Post-Bulletin, 9/20/10]</p> <p><u>FACT: Bush Tax Cuts Cost \$700 Billion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending Bush Tax Cuts Would Add \$700 Billion To Deficit. It was reported that, "Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Wednesday that extending the Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy would be a \$700 billion mistake. He also rejected a compromise proposal that would extend the cuts for one or two years. Geithner said cuts for families making more than \$250,000 annually should be allowed to expire on schedule at the end of the year." [AP, 8/4/10; Congressional Budget Office, The Budget and Economic Outlook]
<p>Fees on farmers, small business and even families of children with disabilities?</p> <p>Two hundred million.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Demmer Voted For Fee Increases For Farmers, Small Businesses And Families Of Children With Disabilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demmer Voted Twice For An Agriculture Bill That Cut The Agriculture Department Budget By 28 Percent And Increased Fees On Family Farms. In 2003, Demmer voted for HF 779, the House Agriculture and Environment Finance Bill. This bill cut the Agriculture budget by 28 percent. The House passed this bill on a vote of 81-52. Demmer also voted this bill as HF 967, when it emerged from conference. This bill resulted in a 27 percent cut to the Agriculture budget and assessed \$3.4 million in new fees on farmers and small businesses in the agriculture sector. The House passed the conference report on a vote of 73-61 and it was signed into law. [HF 779, Journal Page 3070, 4/29/03; SF 905, Journal Page 4332, 5/19/03] • Demmer Voted For A "Fee" Increase On The Families Of Disabled Children. In 2003, Demmer voted for HF 437, the House Omnibus HHS Finance Bill. This bill cut spending on health and human services and as a result it raised fees on program participants. Specifically, the bill contained \$171 million in fee increases that targeted families with disabled children, and others. The House passed the bill on a vote of 74-59 and it was modified in Special Session before being signed into law. [HF 437, Journal Page 3319, 5/2/03]

<p>Career politician Randy Demmer.</p> <p>Can't stop spending.</p> <p>Won't reduce the debt.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Demmer Is A Career Politician</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demmer Is A Career Politician. According to his website, Demmer has been an elected official for 18 years. [Demmer Campaign Website]
<p>Tim Walz will.</p> <p>He voted to stop Congress from spending money it doesn't have.</p> <p>Because he works for us.</p> <p>VO: I'm Tim Walz and I approve this message.</p>	<p><u>FACT: Walz Supports Pay-As-You-Go Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walz Voted For Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Rules. In 2009, Walz vote for the "passage of the bill that would establish a statutory requirement that new tax and mandatory spending legislation be budget neutral, enforced by automatic across-the-board spending cuts in non-exempt programs if the pay-as-you-go tally at the end of the year shows a deficit. Exempt programs would include legislation to extend middle-class tax cuts set to expire at the end of 2010, revise the estate tax, provide for an alternative minimum tax "patch" and prevent scheduled cuts in Medicare payments to physicians." Passed by a vote of 265-166. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position. [HR 2920, Vote #612, 7/22/09; CQ Floor Votes, House Roll Call Vote612, 7/22/09] • Walz Voted For PAYGO Rules And Earmark Reform. In 2007, Walz voted for the adoption of Title IV of the resolution that would set the rules for the 110th Congress. The title would require legislation and conference reports to be accompanied by a list of earmarks and limited tax or trade benefits, and their sponsors. Members would have to provide information about the recipient and purpose of an earmark. It would create new budget points of order, including pay-as-you-go rules which would require offsets to any new entitlement spending or tax cuts. The bill passed 280-152. [HRS 6, Vote #9, 1/5/07; CQ Weekly, 1/7/06; Associated Press, 1/7/06] <p><u>FACT: Walz Returned Part Of Office Budget To Treasury</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walz Returned \$100,000 Of His Office Budget To Treasury. Walz returned approximately \$100,000 of his office budget to treasury. "In my first year representing the people of Southern Minnesota, my staff and I exercised fiscal

discipline and were good stewards of the people's money," said Walz. [Walz Congressional Press Release, 2/3/08]

FACT: Walz Regularly Returned Portion Of Salary

- **Walz Regularly Returned Portion Of His Salary To Pay Down Public Debt.** According to Official House of Representative records, Walz regularly returned a portion of his salary to pay down the public debt. [[Statements of Disbursements of the House](#)]
- **Walz Gave Back Pay Increases And Cost-Of-Living Adjustments.** Walz gave back pay increases and cost-of-living adjustments. "Walz's decision to not accept the \$ 4,700 cost- of- living adjustment being provided to members of Congress was actually locked in before he was first elected in 2006. Walz promised on the campaign trail he wouldn't accept a pay raise until the minimum wage was increased and the federal budget was balanced. Walz gave back a \$ 4,130 pay increase a year ago. So this year, he's surrendering that amount again in addition to the 2009 raise -- meaning he will be accepting about \$ 8,700 less than the \$ 174,000 being paid to members of Congress." [The Free Press, 1/15/09]