

LoBiondo, working group applaud Senate efforts to reopen government



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WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo issued a statement Wednesday applauding the Senate efforts to end the government shutdown, which is now in day 16.

If a resolution to reopen the government and raise the federal debt ceiling is not reached by midnight Wednesday, the U.S. government will be in default on its debt.

LoBiondo and a bipartisan group of House representatives that formed to end the government impasse issued the following statement on the proposed Senate bill. That bill will reopen the government and raise the debt ceiling through February of 2014.

“On day one of the government shutdown, we joined together not as Democrats, not as

at would devastate families across the country,” the statement reads.

“As it became clear that partisanship – and not problem solving – would dominate the discussion in Washington, we were joined by pragmatic, like-minded leaders on both sides of the aisle. In informal talks, we were able to put our differences aside and develop a potential solution.

“We applaud our Senate colleagues for working together to come up with a solution. Now it is time for Congress to act to get the government open and avoid further roiling the markets. We look forward to continuing our bipartisan discussions with the goal of putting forth a long-term deficit reduction agreement to get our fiscal house in order and finding other areas-4.4uduthe new law.

A poll released Tuesday by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton College found

that 38 percent of respondents in New Jersey’s 1st Legislative District blamed Democrats, Republicans, and President Obama equally for the shut down.

More than one in three respondents (35 percent) blamed Republicans in Congress for the shutdown, while 21 percent blamed President Obama and 4 percent blamed Democrats in Congress.

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