WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) said today that he intends to work with the Obama Administration to uphold the principle of pay parity for both military and civilian government employees. In President Obama's budget, released today, military employees receive a pay increase of 2.9 percent; civilian employees receive an increase of 2.0 percent.

"President Obama's budget is a serious, honest document that truthfully lays out the fiscal challenges we face and the tough choices necessary to meet our Nation's priorities and restore the economy. While it's to be expected that during this time of shared sacrifice there will not likely be a federal employee adjustment equal to last year's level, we must continue to adhere to the long-standing bipartisan principle of pay parity. This is just the beginning of the process, and I intend to work with President Obama to ensure a fair and equal adjustment for both our military and civilian personnel who work side-by-side to protect our Nation and keep our government running."

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