

Don't expect the budget numbers in Washington to start miraculously adding up. But there's now a congressional CPA caucus.

Reps. Brad Sherman (D., Calif.) and Michael Conaway (R., Texas) announced the formation of the Bipartisan Congressional CPA Caucus, with the two lawmakers as co-chairs.

Speaking of numbers: The news release announcing the new caucus, lists six other CPAs in the 112th Congress. They include Reps. **John Campbell (R., Calif.)**, Bill Flores (R., Texas), Lynn Jenkins (R., Kan.), Steven Palazzo (R., Miss.), Collin Peterson (D., Minn.) and James Renacci (R., Ohio).

The release also spelled out the group's mission: "The Congressional CPA Caucus will serve as an informal, bipartisan group of members who are CPAs, dedicated to discussing and formulating innovative policy approaches to the issues affecting CPAs – including tax administration and compliance and accounting and auditing standards. The Caucus will work to reduce the compliance burden of our tax laws. It will also seek to provide input on issues being debated by Congress on which CPAs have particular expertise – including budgeting and fiscal issues."

Good luck with all that.