## Fiscal Cliff DA—Economy

#### Fiscal Cliff Compromise progressing, but still fragile- revenue and republicans moving into play

NPR 11/27 (Fiscal Cliff Compromise: Devil Is In The Definition Of Revenue¶ by TAMARA KEITH¶ November 27, 2012 4:00 AM, <http://www.npr.org/blogs/itsallpolitics/2012/11/27/165966412/fiscal-cliff-compromise-devil-is-in-the-definition-of-revenue>)

A grand bargain, a compromise to avert the so-called fiscal cliff

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and Republicans will be able to find common ground," he said Monday.

#### The plan drains political capital

Rubinstein, 12 (Dana, Reporter for Capital New York, has written for Bloomberg Businessweek, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the New York Observer, and the Brooklyn Paper “When is Obama going to have his Eisenhower moment?” March 27, 2012 http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/politics/2012/03/5524547/when-obama-going-have-his-eisenhower-moment)

Ask a transportation expert who the last great transportation president was, and you're not

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as to propose eliminating mass-transit financing entirely from the gas tax.

#### Falling off the fiscal cliff crushes the economy

Zakaria, 11-12-12 (Fareed, “Breaking the Deadlock” <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2128309,00.html?xid=rss-mostpopular>)

Unless Congress acts, the spending cuts and tax increases that would be triggered automatically

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center of the global economy--will actually commit economic hara-kiri.

#### Extinction

Kemp, 10 (Geoffrey, Director of Regional Strategic Programs at The Nixon Center, served in the White House under Ronald Reagan, special assistant to the president for national security affairs and senior director for Near East and South Asian affairs on the National Security Council Staff, Former Director, Middle East Arms Control Project at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2010, The East Moves West: India, China, and Asia’s Growing Presence in the Middle East, p. 233-4)

The second scenario, called Mayhem and Chaos, is the opposite of the first

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expected, with dire consequences for two-thirds of the planet’s population.