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David's SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 18, 2005

Congressman Scott Gives Keynote Address at DeVry Keller Graduate School of Management

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TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott Condemns Base Closings (May 13)

Congressman David Scott joined Governor Sonny Perdue and Senators Isakson and Chambliss in condemning the Pentagon's 2005 Base Closure and Realignment list that recommends that Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem should be closed.

"The important thing to remember is that these recommendations are only one step in the process, and I will continue to work with Governor Perdue, Senators Chambliss and Isakson, the BRAC commissioners, and my fellow members of Congress to keep Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem from being closed. We simply have to put party aside when it comes to fighting to keep our bases open," said Congressman Scott.

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Congressman Scott's First Annual Jobs Fair Draws Over 5,000 Job Seekers! (April 29)

Congressman David Scott welcomed over 9,000 job seekers from metro Atlanta and beyond to the 13th Congressional District's First Annual Jobs Fair held April 29, 2005 at the Georgia International Convention Center. Residents began arriving well before the jobs fair began at 1:00 p.m., some as early as 8:00 a.m.

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Congressman Scott Fights Against Predatory Lending (May 24)

Congressman David Scott continued his campaign to stop predatory lending by urging passage of The Responsible Lending Act today at a joint hearing of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit.

Congressman David Scott is a co-sponsor of The Responsible Lending Act (H.R. 1295), introduced by Congressmen Bob Ney (R-OH) and Paul Kanjorski (D-PA). The bill includes Congressman Scott's provision for a nationwide toll-free number to receive complaints and provide information about predatory lending and credit counseling.

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In Other News:

Congressman Scott Awards Scholarships to Local Student Artists

Congressman David Scott announced the selection of 3 area student artists to receive scholarship awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 through the 13th District's 3rd Annual Congressional High School Art Competition. The Art Institute of Atlanta presented the first prize winner with a \$10,000 scholarship, the second prize--a \$5000 scholarship, and the third prize--a \$2000 scholarship. The Savannah College of Art and Design offered a \$3,000 scholarship renewable for up to four years for first prize.

This year's top winners include:

1st - Dean Beresford, Mundy's Mill H.S.

2nd - Andrea Hawes, Jackson H.S.

3rd - Tiffany Herrin, Jonesboro H.S.

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[\[See photos of student submissions to Congressional Art Competition\]](#)

Congressman Scott Calls Attention to National Debt by Placing National Debt Clock Outside of Washington Congressional Office

Congressman David Scott today placed a debt clock in front of his Washington office in an effort to call attention to the nation's mounting national debt. The clock, which will be updated daily, currently reads \$7.671 trillion, or \$27,000 per person.

"It can be easy walking through the marble halls of Congress to forget that we have huge budget deficits and a staggering national debt," said Scott, member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate to conservative House Democrats with reputations as fiscal hawks.

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NEW PHOTOS in Photo Gallery!

» **Congressman David Scott's First Annual Jobs Fair - April 29, 2005**

» **3rd Annual Congressional High School Art Competition - May 14th, 2005**

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Weekly Senate Schedule

See what bills and what amendments will be discussed in the Senate this week,

courtesy of the Senate's official website.

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Legislative News:

Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

» **H.R. 1815 - Defense Authorization Act for FY 2006**

The bill authorizes \$441.6 billion for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. In addition, H.R. 1815 provides \$7.9 billion for missile defense (\$2.1 billion less than the current level); provides a 3.1% pay raise for the military; speeds up the end of the Disabled Veterans' Tax for about 29,000 retirees — those with 60- to 90-percent disability ratings who are unable to work as a result of their disability; and makes the recently increased death benefit for our service members applicable to combat and non-combat related deaths.

» **DS voted FOR H.R. 1815; H.R. 1815 passed 390-39 (May 25, 2005)**

» **H.R. 2419 - Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act for FY 2006**

This bill provides \$29.7 billion for FY06 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Interior, the Department of Energy, and several Independent Agencies, which is \$86 million less than current funding, and slightly less than the administration's request. Funding in this bill includes: \$24.28 billion for the Department of Energy (\$6.18 billion for Nuclear Activities; \$6.46 billion for Defense Environmental Management; \$8.84 billion for the National Security Administration; and \$1.2 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs); \$4.75 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, nearly 10% more than the president requested but 6% less than the current level; \$1.01 billion for the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation; and \$207 million for several Independent Agencies. This bill includes \$310 million for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, limits the Army Corps of Engineers' ability to reprogram funds, and requires 5-year planning for future budget requests from the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Energy Department.

» **DS voted FOR H.R. 2419; H.R. 2419 passed the House 416-13 (May 25, 2005)**

» **H.R. 2361 - Interior-Environment Appropriations**

Provides \$26.2 billion in fiscal 2006 for the Department of Interior, the EPA, and related agencies. The bill allocates \$7.7 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency — \$215.5 million (3%) less than current funding but \$287 million (4%) more than the administration's request. The measure also provides \$850 million for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which allows states to allocate funds for local water- and sewage-treatment projects.

» **DS voted FOR H.R. 2361, as amended; H.R. 2361, as amended, passed the House 329-89 (May 19)**

» **H.R. 1817 - Homeland Security Authorization**

Authorizes \$34.2 billion in fiscal 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security. The measure also does the following: requires the homeland-security alert system to provide more detailed information; sets requirements for information collection and dissemination; allows the payment of bonuses to attract intelligence analysts; creates a new assistant secretary for cybersecurity; requires the department to re-open Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to general aviation, e.g.,

charter and private jets and small private planes; and requires the development of a single background check process for credential programs.

Selected Amendments:

Reps. Peter A. DeFazio, D-Ore. and John L. Mica, R-Fla. offered an amendment to make changes to the Federal Flight Deck Officers Program, through which flight crew personnel are trained and authorized to use firearms to defend against a terrorist attempt to take control of an aircraft. In order to increase access to training, the amendment establishes standards for qualifying for the program, requires a study on using alternate sites for training, and requires that training be provided at no cost.

DS voted FOR amdt; amdt passed by voice vote

Reps. Christopher Cox, R-Calif. and F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., R-Wis. offered an amendment to authorize \$40 million to reimburse states and localities for the costs associated with having state and local law enforcement personnel trained and certified by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enforce federal immigration laws.

DS voted FOR amdt; amdt passed by voice vote

Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga. offered an amendment to clarify the existing authority for state and local enforcement personnel to apprehend, detain, remove and transport illegal aliens in the routine course of duty. It also requires the Homeland Security Department to establish a manual for training personnel to enforce immigration laws and to set forth guidelines for making such training available.

DS voted FOR amdt; amdt passed 242-185

» **DS voted FOR the Homeland Security Authorization, H.R. 1817, as amended; H.R. 1817, as amended, passed the House 424-4**

» **H.R. 1544 - First Responders Funding**

Changes the distribution of certain first-responder grants provided by the Department of Homeland Security to require that grants be distributed to cities and regional areas primarily based on threat levels. The measure also requires the department to establish a task force to assist the department in updating a list of essential capabilities for first responders, and it requires the department to establish national standards for training and equipment.

» **DS voted FOR H.R. 1544; H.R. 1544 passed the House 409-10 (May 12)**

» **H.R. 1268 - Emergency Supplemental Conference Report**

Appropriates \$82 billion in fiscal 2005 supplemental spending for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan and for disaster assistance to victims of the December 2004 tsunami. The agreement also provides \$635 million for domestic border security, including \$276 million for immigration and customs enforcement; and includes \$274 million for 500 border patrol agents, 50 immigration and customs investigators, 168 enforcement agents and detention officers, and 1,950 detention beds. HR 1268 is the second largest supplemental appropriations measure Congress has ever passed.

» **DS voted FOR conference report; conference report passed**

the House 368-58 (May 5)

- **Senate passed May 10**
- **Signed into law by President Bush on May 11**

▸ **H.Res 22 - Small business Bill of Rights**

Small businesses — defined as those with fewer than 500 employees — account for more than 90% of all U.S. employers, according to the Small Business Administration (SBA). This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that U.S. small businesses are entitled to the following rights: multi-business affiliation to purchase health insurance for employees; "simplified tax laws" that include incentives to grow; liability protection from "frivolous lawsuits;" limited amounts of "restrictive regulations and paperwork;" reduced energy costs; treatment equal to large businesses in the pursuit of start-up capital, loans or credit; and more access to government contracts through the break-up of large contracts among many businesses.

▸ **DS voted FOR H.Res. 22; H.Res. 22 passed the House by voice vote (April 27)**

▸ **H. RES 240 - Repealing Ethics Rules Changes**

In January, members of the Republican leadership instituted changes to the House's rules of conduct and the procedures of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct that were seen as a response to the ethics committee's three admonishments of Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, in the 108th Congress. H. Res 240 restores the Congressional ethics process to its previous form at the end of the 108th Congress, whereby if a complaint submitted to the ethics committee is not disposed of — either by recommending dismissal, establishing an investigative subcommittee or extending the time period — within 45 calendar days or five legislative days, whichever is later, then the chairman and ranking member would create an investigative subcommittee to which the complaint would automatically be referred.

▸ **DS voted FOR H.Res. 240; H.Res. 240 passed the House 406-20 (April 27)**