



US Congressman
David Scott
 Representing Georgia's 13th District



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TOP NEWS:

Congressman David Scott Observes National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Oct. 6

For more than 20 years, Americans annually recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with nationwide initiatives to educate women about early breast cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment. Congressman Scott released a statement including the following remarks:

"As the husband of a courageous survivor of breast cancer, my wife Alfredia Scott, I join countless others this month to honor the inspiring strength of breast cancer patients and the dedication of health professionals who care for them. Almost everyone in America has been touched by this disease. During this year alone an estimated 212,920 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in American women and 40,970 women will die from the disease."

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Scott Announces Availability of Military Academy Applications Oct. 6

U.S. Congressman David Scott (GA-13) announced that he is currently accepting applications for nomination to our nation's military service academies.

Students who are residents of Georgia's Thirteenth Congressional District and interested in nomination to the United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy or the United States Military Academy may obtain applications through Scott's District Office or online at www.house.gov/davidscott.

Applicants will be evaluated by their academic performance, leadership ability, moral character, adequacy of preparation, and commitment to attend a service academy. All completed applications must be received by Monday, October 16, 2006 in Congressman Scott's Jonesboro Office.

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In Other News:

Rep. Scott Condemns Republican Voter ID Bill Sept. 20

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) spoke out strongly against H.R. 4844, the Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006. The Republican-sponsored measure will cause undue burdens on many populations, particularly the elderly, disabled, minority, students, low-income and rural, by imposing new photo ID requirements for all voters in federal elections. The bill also fails to define what constitutes an official ID and cite specific evidence justifying its passage.

"This dastardly, un-American bill is a shameless and divisive attempt by Republicans to target certain voters," Congressman Scott said.

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Congressman Scott: How Safe Are We 5 Years After 9/11 *Sept. 6*

Congressman David Scott, co-chair of the Democratic Study Group on National Security, issued a statement including the following remarks:

"Our President says that we are winning and that we are safer. We are not safer when the butcher that masterminded that mass murder of our citizens and citizens of the world on 9/11 is still alive, and yet we know where he is. And he is not in Iraq. What have we done? We have wasted precious resources, not only just in the lives of our precious soldiers there, but to the tune of nearly \$3 billion every week. But Osama bin Laden is alive. Al Qaeda is alive. Terrorist attacks have increased over 250 percent since 9/11.

"It is no wonder then that here we are on the eve of the fifth anniversary of 9/11. If you would have told me 5 years ago, right after 9/11, that 5 years from now we would not have been able to catch Osama bin Laden I would not have believed you. I would've strongly disagreed if you had told me 5 years ago that we will have expended 2,600 precious lives of our American soldiers in the so-called war on terror, and yet and still al Qaeda is still running around stronger than ever before and Osama bin Laden is turning out more videotapes and CDs than Michael Jackson ever did, 25 at the last count that he has turned out."

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NEW PHOTOS in Photo Gallery!

⌘ **Congressman Scott welcomes members of the GA Association of Educators to Washington-** September 28, 2006

⌘ **Congressman Scott welcomes members of the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce to Washington -** September 14, 2006

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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. 4772 - Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2006**

The bill would expedite access to the federal courts by allowing property owners and developers to bypass local administrative procedures when challenging

land use decisions by state and local governments. The bill would also allow property developers to challenge in federal court certain conditions that local and state governments, as well as federal agencies, impose on a proposed development, bypassing state courts and other state procedures for resolving such matters.

⌘ **DS voted FOR HR 4772; HR 4772 passed 231- 181 (9-29-06)**

⌘ **S. 3930 - Military Commissions Act**

This bill establishes procedures governing the interrogation and trial of unlawful enemy combatants under U.S. custody anywhere in the world. The bill: 1) authorizes the President to interpret the meaning and application of the Geneva Conventions, although certain “grave breaches” of Article 3 are explicitly defined in the bill; 2) expands the definition of unlawful enemy combatant to include any individual who “purposefully and materially” supported hostilities against the United States; and 3) prohibits the accused from invoking the right of Habeas Corpus.

⌘ **DS voted FOR S. 3930; S. 3930 passed the House 250- 170 (9-29-06)**

⌘ **H.R. 5631 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for 2007**

This bill provides \$447.6 billion for the Department of Defense, including \$70 billion in emergency spending for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Funding includes: \$86.4 billion for military personnel; \$119.8 billion for operation and maintenance programs; \$80.9 billion for procurement; and \$75.7 billion for research and development programs. [H.R. 5631](#) also provides 2.2% pay increase for military personnel in FY07.

⌘ **DS voted FOR HR 5631; HR 5631 passed 394- 22 (9-26-06)**

⌘ **H.R. 6095 - Immigration Law Enforcement Act of 2006**

This bill would declare that state and local law enforcement officials have the inherent authority to enforce immigration laws and shift the Federal government’s responsibility for enforcement of immigration laws onto local and state officers.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 6095, which passed the House 277- 140 (9-21-06)**

⌘ **H.R. 4830 - Border Tunnel Prevention Act**

This bill authorizes penalties for individuals that construct or finance the construction of a tunnel or passage into the U.S. (up to 20 years in prison); know about or recklessly disregard the construction or use of a border tunnel on land they own (up to 10 years in prison); or use a tunnel to smuggle aliens or goods into the U.S.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 4830, which passed the House 422- 0 (9-21-06)**