



## **HOUSE DEMOCRATS** **STRONG AND UNITED**

**In the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, House Democrats have made our priorities clear by voting against irresponsible and misguided Republican policies and voting in favor of keeping America safe, restoring fiscal responsibility, honoring our veterans and seniors, and investing in our students and families.**

*“Over the past half-century, Democrats in the House were never more unified than [in 2005].” – CQ Analysis, 1/9/06*

DATE	BILL	DEMOCRATIC UNITY	DEMOCRATIC PRIORITIES
5/18/06	H. Con. Res. 376: House Republican Budget for FY 2007	<b>100%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted for fiscal responsibility and against the misguided Republican budget plan that would add \$653 billion to the \$3 trillion added to the national debt by Republicans since 2001.
5/18/06	H. Con. Res. 376: Democratic (Spratt) Substitute to the FY 2007 Budget	<b>94%</b> (in favor)	Democrats voted for fiscal responsibility by supporting the Spratt alternative, which would reach balance in 2012. They also supported investing in America’s priorities.
5/10/06	H.R. 4297: Tax Reconciliation Conference Report	<b>92%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted for fiscal responsibility and against giving more tax cuts to the wealthiest few while heaping tens of billions of dollars in additional debt on our children.
5/3/06	H.R. 4975: So-Called Lobbying “Accountability and Transparency” Act	<b>96%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted for real reform and against this weak reform bill, which Republicans advanced simply to provide themselves political cover for the November election.
4/5/06	H.R. 513: 527 So-Called “Reform” Act	<b>96%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted against curtailing the 1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of independent organizations and reducing participation in the electoral process.
12/19/05	H.R. 4241/S.1932: Budget Reconciliation Conference Report	<b>100%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted for investing in America and against this misguided Republican budget plan that cut investment in important programs like student loans and Medicare by \$39 billion, while adding \$100 billion to the already record GOP deficit.

12/14/05	H.R.3010: FY06 Labor-H Appropriations Conference Report	<b>100%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted to protect students, working families, and some of the most vulnerable Americans from draconian Republican spending cuts.
12/8/05	H.R.4297: Republican Budget Reconciliation Bill	<b>95.5%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted to protect 17 million families from the AMT, which the Republican bill failed to do.
10/26/05	H.R.1461: Motion to Recommit with Instructions on the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act	<b>100%</b> (in favor)	Democrats voted to ensure the rights of non-profit groups to use their funds for non-partisan voter registration.
10/7/05	H.R.3893: So-Called "Gasoline for America's Security" Act	<b>100%</b> (opposed)	Democrats voted to strengthen consumer protection laws to combat price-gouging and market manipulation, and to provide relief from record-high energy costs, which the Republican bill failed to do.
6/24/05	H.R.3010: Democratic Motion to send the FY06 Labor-H Appropriations Bill back to Committee with the intent that \$1 billion in FY05 Veterans Health care be added	<b>100%</b> (in favor)	Democrats voted to close the dangerous funding gap for America's veterans, which was ignored by the White House and Congressional Republicans.
5/24/05	H.R.810: Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act	<b>93%</b> (in favor)	Democrats voted to expand federal funding of stem cell research.
4/21/05	H.R.6: Capps Motion to Strike – Energy Policy Act	<b>93%</b> (in favor)	Democrats voted to delete provisions from the Energy Bill which provided immunity for producers of MTBE, a known carcinogen that has been found to contaminate ground water supplies nationwide.
1/4/05	H.RES.5: Motion to Commit With Instructions on the Republican House Rules Package	<b>100%</b> (in favor)	Democrats voted to ensure a functioning, fair and bipartisan ethics process in the 109 <sup>th</sup> Congress.