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Shuster Statement on Passage of Continuing Resolution

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement after the House passed a stop gap Continuing Resolution to keep the federal government operating until March 6, 2009.

“The fact that we are left with no alternative other than passing a billion dollar continuing resolution is a sad testament to the failure of the Democrat leadership to meet its most basic constitutional duties.

While I do not approve of the situation we are in, this is important legislation that maintains our government and funds essential programs that support our national defense and domestic security.

I am very pleased that after months of denial, the Democrats have finally woken up to the fact that the American people demand action on energy. This legislation will not renew the moratorium on off-shore drilling off of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Also, this legislation includes \$5.1 billion to support the LIHEAP program. This is a significant victory for supporters of American-made energy. That being said, there is much still left to be done to give the American people the energy policy they deserve.

This legislation funds \$487.7 billion for our national defense, and makes historic increases in funding to support our veterans. To protect our homeland, this legislation provides \$41.2 billion for the Homeland Security Department and \$22.9 billion for disaster relief for the hurricane battered Gulf Coast.”

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