

PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington - March 17, 2007

IRAQ: Time to Bring this War to a Close

I did not support the war in 2002, and I do not support escalating it now. This week I voted for a Resolution that calls on the President to begin redeploying our troops out of Iraq within the next four months. Regrettably, our effort was blocked by Senate Republicans and a President who stubbornly refuses to listen to the majority of the American people.

Senator Murray Calls for Change in Iraq in National Radio Address

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OUR SENATE BUDGET: Restoring the President's Cuts

This week, as a senior member of the Senate Budget Committee, I helped to pass a Senate Budget Resolution out of the Budget Committee that invests here at home and addresses the priorities of Washington families. Our budget makes critical investments in our schools, our security, our veterans, our infrastructure and our communities. Next the budget goes to the full Senate.

Read My Comments: <http://murray.senate.gov/news.cfm?id=270795>

BOLSTERING HOMELAND SECURITY: Senate Passes 9-11 Recommendations

I am extremely proud that on Tuesday we passed legislation implementing many of 9-11 Commission's recommendations.

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VETERANS NEWS

Getting Info On Vets Facilities: On Wednesday, I wrote to VA secretary Jim Nicholson to request the results of an internal audit of VA facilities.

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Walter Reed: On Tuesday, I spoke on the senate floor on the bush administration's failures to care for our wounded veterans

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Getting All Pows The Benefits They Deserve: On Tuesday, I introduced legislation to eliminate the federal requirement that a Prisoner of War (POW) must have been held for a minimum of 30 days in order to qualify for full POW benefits

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Helping Vets With MS: On Tuesday, I introduced legislation that cuts red tape by lifting the VA's arbitrary 7-year limit to qualify for automatic VA benefits.

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OTHER NEWS

Mortgages – On Thursday, I held a hearing to make sure the federal housing administration will be able to meet the needs of working families

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Sea-Tac– \$19 Million To Ensure Flight Safety At Sea-Tac's Third Runway

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BPA – Keeping Your Energy Rates Low

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