



US Congressman

David Scott

Representing Georgia's 13th District



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Saturday, August 6, 2005

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TOP NEWS:

Congressman David Scott to Host First Annual Health Fair!

Congressman David Scott will convene the 13th Congressional District's First Annual Health Fair on **Saturday, August 6, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This event will take place at Mundy's Mill High School in Jonesboro, located off Tara Boulevard, approximately 2.5 miles south of the Highway 138 and Tara Boulevard intersection, at 9652 Fayetteville Road.

A diverse selection of free health screenings, cooking, CPR and fitness demonstrations, and information about important health issues will be offered.

Additionally, attendees of the Health Fair can participate in a blood drive, hear from Congressman Scott and special guest speakers, and enroll on site in health assistance programs like Medicare, Medicaid, PeachCare, prescription drug assistance, and others for the uninsured.

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***Updated* Congressman Scott Urges Base Closing Commissioners to Keep Fort Gillem Open (June 30)**

Congressman David Scott continued his campaign to reverse the Defense Department's recommendation to close Fort Gillem in Clayton County during the BRAC Regional hearing in Atlanta. Citing the severe losses our military, national security and area region would sustain with the base's closure, Scott provided strong testimony in defense of Ft. Gillem's unique and exceptional military value for our defense and national security.

"We dare not make the mistake of closing Fort Gillem in this post-9/11 world," said Scott.

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Congressman Scott Protects Military From Investment Scams (June 29)

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) voted to crack down on the predatory sales tactics of firms marketing high-cost and outdated investments to young recruits on military bases. The measure, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act (HR 458), passed the House Tuesday by 405-2 after the predatory sales practices of insurance agents—many which were former military personnel—on military bases were first exposed by a series of *New York Times* reports last summer.

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In Other News:

Congressman Scott Hosts Meeting with Clayton County Officials to Prevent Gang Activity

On June 1, Congressman David Scott and eighteen elected officials representing the local, state and federal government levels of Clayton County gathered at Congressman Scott's Jonesboro District Office to assess youth gang violence and demonstrate a unified effort to combat the county's gang problems and discuss funding options for law enforcement, judicial and community initiatives. Participants in the meeting issued a joint statement pledging to work together to end gang violence in Clayton and surrounding counties.

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Congressman Scott Honors Art Competition Winner

Congressman David Scott welcomed **Dean Beresford**, winner of the 13th District's Third Annual Congressional High School Art Competition, to the opening ceremony of the 2005 Artistic Discovery exhibition on Capitol Hill on June 14, where the artist's winning painting, Angel, will be displayed for one year. Dean's work be displayed with other Congressional High School Art Competition winners nationwide in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, a heavily traveled underground corridor connecting the House of Representatives office buildings to the U.S. Capitol Building.

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This year's top winners of the Congressional Art Competition were:

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

2nd - Andrea Hawes, Jackson H.S.

3rd - Tiffany Herrin, Jonesboro H.S.

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

NEW PHOTOS in Photo Gallery!

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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. 3058 - Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006**

Provides \$139.1 billion in FY 2006 for the departments of Housing and Urban Development, Treasury and Transportation, and related agencies. Despite the president's proposal to eliminate funding for Amtrak, the bill provides nearly \$1.2 billion for the railroad, more than double the committee recommendation, and it no longer prevents federal funding of long-distance routes. The bill provides \$15.6 billion for the Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance Account, \$60 million for the HOPE VI program, for which the administration had requested no funding, and \$24 million for HUD brownfields redevelopment.

Selected Amendments:

Rep. Artur Davis, D-Ala. offered an amendment that provided \$60 million for the HOPE VI Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing program, for which no funds were requested or provided in the reported bill. The amendment reduced by \$60 million funding from the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund for building operations.

➤ **DS voted FOR amendment; amendment passed 248 to 173**

Rep. Al Green, D-Texas offered an amendment to increase funding for Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing programs by \$7.7 million, for a total level of \$46.5 million. The amendment also increases the amount of funds available from that \$46 million for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program by \$3.9 million, to \$20 million. The amendment offsets the \$7.7 million increase by cutting the HUD management-and-administration salaries and expenses account by the same amount.

➤ **DS voted FOR amendment; amendment passed 231-191**

Reps. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., Nydia M. Velazquez, D-N.Y., and Barney Frank, D-Mass. offered an amendment to add \$100 million to the Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance Account, which provides housing vouchers to low-income individuals and families. As reported, the bill provides \$15.5 billion for the account, \$314 million less than requested. The amendment offsets the increase by reducing funding for the working capital fund from the HUD management and administration account and from other administrative expenses by \$120 million.

➤ **DS voted FOR amendment; amendment passed 225-194**

Rep. Gary G. Miller, R-Calif. offered an amendment to increase by \$24 million the appropriation for the Housing and Urban Development Department's Community Development Fund, which funds the Community Development Block Grant program. The amendment offsets that increase by reducing funding for Internal Revenue Service's information systems account by the same amount.

☛ **DS voted FOR amendment; amendment passed by voice vote**

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 3058, as amended; H.R. 3058, as amended, passed the House 405-18 (June 30, 2005)**

☛ **H.R. 3130 - Emergency Supplemental bill for Veterans Medical Care**

This bill provides \$975 million in supplemental FY 2005 appropriations for veterans' medical care, equal to the administration's request. This total is expected to be distributed as follows, as recommended by the administration: \$273 million for veterans of the war in Iraq; \$226 million for long-term nursing care; \$200 million for high-priority veterans; \$95 million for increased energy costs; \$84 million for increased utilization; \$58 million to reduce waiting lists; and \$39 million to provide medical care to dependents.

☛ **DS voted FOR Emergency Supplemental bill for Veterans Medical Care, H.R. 3130; H.R. 3130 passed the House 419-0 (June 30, 2005)**

☛ **H.R. 3021 - TANF Extension Act of 2005**

The 1996 welfare law, P.L. 104-193, that ended the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program and replaced it with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program was originally set to expire in September 2002. However, the House and Senate have been unable to agree on a reauthorization measure and, as a consequence, Congress has provided nine short-term extensions for the program. The previous nine extensions also extended the temporary medical assistance program, which provides Medicaid eligibility for up to one year for those leaving TANF and the abstinence education program. The current extension expires on June 30.

This bill extends the authorization for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program for three months, through September 30. Like the previous nine extensions, this bill also extends — for three months — the program that provides Medicaid eligibility for up to one year for those leaving TANF, as well as the abstinence education program.

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 3021; H.R. 3021 passed the House by voice vote (June 29, 2005)**

☛ **H.R. 3057 - Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006**

As passed by the House, the bill appropriates \$20.3 billion for foreign aid and export assistance, \$2.6 billion (11%) less than the president requested and \$2 billion less than what was provided in FY 2005 — taking into account the \$3.7 billion in emergency supplemental funds enacted earlier this year. The measure appropriates \$2.7 billion for programs to combat HIV infection, tuberculosis and malaria as part of President Bush's global AIDS initiative, 23% more than in FY 2005 and the highest level ever. However, the measure provides only \$1.75 billion of the \$3 billion requested by the president for a new foreign-aid initiative, the "Millennium Challenge Account," that would provide additional assistance for developing countries that meet

political and economic criteria. The bill does not provide the president's request of \$459 million in economic assistance funds for Iraq. As amended by the House, the bill bars the Export-Import Bank from approving federal loans or loan guarantees for the construction of nuclear power plants in China, and bars economic assistance to Saudi Arabia, although it was expected to receive only a few thousand dollars in aid.

‣ **DS voted FOR H.R. 3057, as amended; H.R. 3057, as amended passed the House 393-32 (June 28)**

‣ **H.R. 3010 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006**

This bill provides \$142,514 billion for labor, education, and health and human services for the fiscal year 2006. The bill appropriates \$56.7 billion for the Department of Education with additional funding for reading programs. The bill also channels \$6.9 million to the Head Start Program. Funding for the Centers for Disease Control is appropriated at \$6.1 billion. The bill also provides funding for the newly developed Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Social Security Administration in order to implement the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits Program. Job programs such as Job Corps received an increase in funding from last year; \$11 million was appropriated for Job Corps.

‣ **DS voted FOR H.R. 3010, as amended; H.R. 3010, as amended, passed the House 250-151 (June 22, 2005)**

‣ **H.R. 2863 - Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006**

This bill will appropriate \$43.3 billion for defense for the fiscal year 2006; last year's funding was at \$352.4 billion. The bill includes \$45.3 billion in emergency funding for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, available on October 1, 2005. The fund is designed to cover 6 months worth of contingency operations costs in the global war on terrorism. The bill provides a total of \$7.63 billion for ballistic missile defense, a decrease of \$143 million from the budget request. This bill fully funds the 3.1% military pay raise requested by the President.

‣ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2863 as amended; H.R. 2863, as amended, passed the House 398-18 (June 20, 2005)**

‣ **H.R. 2745 - United Nations Reform Act**

The bill provides for the withholding of up to 50% of U.S. dues to the United Nations unless the secretary of State certifies that by 2007 the world body has complied with 32 of 39 changes in its operations specified in the bill — such as more rigorous controls for the body's budget, the creation of a U.N. independent oversight board, and detailed financial disclosure for top U.N. officials. The secretary would have some discretion in certifying the compliance of the United Nations with these requirements, but the bill allows no discretion with 14 of the conditions for U.S. support, including the creation of an independent U.N. oversight and ethics office, prohibiting countries found to have violated human rights from serving on the U.N. Human Rights Commission, and the establishment of a U.N. Chief Operating Officer. The measure also urges the United Nations to shift 18 programs — such as those dealing with economic and social affairs, least-developed countries and Palestinian refugees — from the assessed budget, to which all member states are required to contribute, to voluntarily funded programs.

Selected Amendments

Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz. offered an amendment requiring the United Nations to release documents concerning the Oil-for-Food Program upon request by

member states' permanent representatives, and to waive the immunity of U.N. officials from the U.S. judicial process for civil or criminal acts under federal or state law that transpired in the United States and in connection with the Oil-for-Food Program.

⌘ **DS voted FOR amendment; amendment passed 366-38**

Rep. Joe L. Barton, R-Texas offered an amendment that directs the U.N. Office on Internal Oversight Services to investigate the Oil-for-Food Program, and makes the investigation subject to U.S. appointment.

⌘ **DS voted FOR amendment; amendment passed by voice vote**

Reps. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., and Christopher Shays, R-Conn. offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute that calls for many of the reforms at the United Nations outlined by the bill. However, unlike the bill, which requires the withholding of dues if certain reforms are not met, the substitute authorizes, but does not require, the secretary of State to withhold U.S. payments.

⌘ **DS voted FOR substitute amendment; amendment failed 190-216**

⌘ **DS voted AGAINST H.R. 2745, as amended; H.R. 2745, as amended, passed the House 221-184 (June 17, 2005)**

⌘ **H.R. 2862 - Science, State, Justice & Commerce Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006**

The bill reflects the reshuffling of Appropriations Committee subcommittees, and combines funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with that for the departments of State, Justice and Commerce. Supporters of the space agency, including Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, sought the change in order to avoid having NASA compete with powerful domestic constituencies for scarce funds. The measure provides \$57.8 billion, \$1.2 billion (2%) more than the current level but \$3 billion (5%) less than requested. It provides \$16.5 billion for NASA, 2% more than the current level; \$1 billion for state and local law enforcement, 22% less than this year; \$9 billion for the State Department, 11% less than the current level; and \$5.8 billion for the Commerce Department, 12% less than current spending. The committee denied the president's request for \$3.7 billion for a new community development block grant, and instead provided \$228 million for the existing Economic Development Administration, which the president wants to phase out.

⌘ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2862, as amended; H.R. 2862, as amended, passed the House 418-7 (June 16, 2005)**

⌘ **H.R. 1812 - Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005**

Under the bill, a variety of organizations would be eligible to receive grants, including public or nonprofit private-health centers, community health centers, hospitals, cancer centers, or rural health clinics. The bill directs HHS to give preference to grant applicants that target populations that are in the greatest need and that utilize patient navigators to help overcome significant barriers to high-quality health care services. These barriers include geographic isolation, cultural and linguistic barriers, lack of health insurance and lack of information about health options.

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 1812; H.R. 1812 passed the House by voice vote (June 13, 2005)**

☛ **H.R. 2744 - Agriculture Appropriations Act for FY 2006**

This bill appropriates \$100.3 billion, \$11 billion (11%) more than current funding, and \$190 million more than the administration's request. The measure's mandatory spending — which is \$83.5 billion, 83% of the total — accounts entirely for the funding increase. The remaining \$16.8 billion in discretionary spending is the same funding as the FY 2005 level. Under the FY 2006 Budget Resolution the Agriculture Committee is required to cut \$3 billion from this bill's mandatory spending total by September 16. This process, known as reconciliation, is designed to produce budget savings over a five-year time frame. It remains unclear which programs might be targeted for cuts.

☛ **DS voted FOR H.R. 2744, as amended; H.R. 2744 as amended passed the House 408-18 (June 8, 2005)**