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## New VA Clinic for Branson to Open in Spring 2008

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will operate a new community-based clinic (CBOC) in Branson starting in the spring of 2008. The VA clinic is among 38 new veterans' clinics in 22 states that will open its doors starting next year. A specific site for the Branson clinic has not been announced.

"This is great news for the veterans of Southwest Missouri," Congressman Blunt said. "Having a second clinic, like the current one in Mt. Vernon, means more convenience and care closer to home for thousands of local veterans. It's anticipated that 900 existing patients and 3,900 new patients will be treated at the CBOC in

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## Research at Jordan Valley Innovation Center Deemed "Cutting Edge"

*Blunt Works to Fund \$32 Million in Defense Research in Springfield & Joplin*



impact us all one day.

Southwest Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt has secured \$32 million in federal funding for six separate defense research and manufacturing projects in Southwest Missouri that will be part of the technology revolution.

"The Pentagon and the House committees have reviewed these requests, and have found them to be important to our national security and vital to maintaining our strategic and military weapons systems here at home," Congressman Blunt said.

Nanotubes, self-decontaminating polymer systems, advanced lithium-carbon monofluoride portable batteries—it's the new jargon in a revolutionary industry taking root in Southwest Missouri. The real details of these defense-related projects in many cases are classified by the Pentagon, but the practical applications may

"The development of these cutting-edge technologies means good paying jobs for our region, economic opportunity, and world-class research in Springfield and Joplin."

"The work here is cutting-edge, ground breaking and unrivaled," Dr. Ryan Giedd, Executive Director of the Jordan Valley Innovation Center (JVIC) said. "This is a great opportunity for extremely important technology to be developed in Missouri by taking advantage of the talent that we have in our region."

Work to complete the second and third phases of the Jordan Valley Innovation Center is underway right now – with completion set for late 2008.

Working with St. John's Health Center, research is being done to synthesize electro-spin collagen – the material that forms the corneal scaffold – in an effort to manufacture a revolu-

tionary new cornea material. The project would benefit many of our military men and women who suffer from blast injuries to the head and eyes. Currently donor tissue is in short supply, creating demand for a synthetic corneal material that would help improve the victim's chances of recovering their eyesight.



Brewer Science and Unidym are undertaking a \$1.4 million project for developing a new set of technologies, both equipment and materials, to address the problems associated with packaging delicate electronic devices. These small nano-sensors are sensitive to dirt, dust, sunlight and other hazards, so developing new ways to package them is critical to keep them performing at a high level for many years.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is funding a three-year research effort to develop

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## Neosho Fish Hatchery Expansion "A Go"

Federal funding in the final 2007 appropriations measure assures that construction on an expanded Neosho National Fish Hatchery Visitors' Center can be completed by 2008.

"This project is a go," Congressman Blunt said after learning that \$2.88 million has been assigned by the National Fish & Wildlife Service to the Neosho project. Blunt and Senator Kit Bond secured \$1 million for the project in 2005.

In expressing thanks to the work of local residents and hatchery supporters, Blunt said, "The people of Southwest Missouri should be proud of the new

facility at the Neosho Fish Hatchery, which will showcase our region's expertise in breeding fish and reintroducing once endangered species back into the wild."

Blunt observed, "The new expansion of the George Washington Carver Visitors Center in nearby Diamond and efforts to preserve the Newtonia Civil War Battlefield, will give the area a one-two-three punch for enhancing area tourism."

Neosho Fish Hatchery Manager David Hendrix is excited about the additional funding: "This project will benefit the kids, groups and tourism

in the four state area. The new facility, with its added space for exhibits and history of the 119-year-old hatchery, could accommodate 100,000 visitors."

The existing visitors center is approximately 400 square feet in size. The new facility would cover nearly 9,500 square feet.

Founded in 1888, the Neosho facility is the oldest active federal hatchery in the nation and specializes in breeding endangered species, like the blind Ozarks cave fish, and the recovery of the pallid sturgeon in the lower Missouri river. The hatchery also produces rainbow trout and walleye in its Neosho spring waters.



## New George Washington Carver Monument Visitor's Center Unveils More of Renowned Researcher's Work

Congressman Roy Blunt and Senator Kit Bond led a commemoration at the opening of the new George Washington Carver National Monument Visitor's Center.



Senator Bond

"The new Carver Visitor's Center is a fitting

tribute to one of America's greatest scientists and most remarkable humanitarians," Congressman Blunt said.

Senator Bond said, "Thanks to the expansion, thousands of school children and other visitors to the Monument will be able to learn about Carver's legacy through a much more comfortable, hands-on way. Carver's legacy can teach us a lot about science and agriculture. Even more important is what it can teach today's children about the qualities needed for a successful career, like persistence and creativity. He was a man of curiosity and compassion

for all. He used his time and talent not for his own profit, but to make life better for everyone."

Together, Bond and Blunt worked to secure more than \$5.4 million in federal funds for construction of the visitor's center, which provides eight times more space to display the equipment, facilities and technology that Carver used in his experiments. His research unlocked the secrets of the peanut and the advances in genetics, botany and expanded agricultural productivity we benefit from today.



# 2007 ROY'S RECORD

7th District Missouri  
Congressman Roy Blunt's Voting Record

110th Congress, First Session - 2007

> **2 1/04/07 Election of the Speaker** Nomination of Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. and John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, for Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress. Note: Yes represents a vote for Pelosi; and No represents a vote for Boehner. **NO Passed 233-202**

> **4 1/04/07 H. Res. 6** Motion to commit the rule (H. Res. 5) to provide for House consideration of a resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress to a select committee comprised of the majority and minority leaders with instructions that it be reported back after adding sections to prohibit retroactive tax increases and require a three-fifths vote in the House before any tax increase could be approved. **YES Failed 199-232**

> **6 1/04/07 H. Res. 6** Adoption of Title I of the resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress. The title adopts the rules of the 109th Congress. **YES Passed 426-0**

> **7 1/04/07 H. Res. 6** Adoption of Title II of the resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress. The title bans members from accepting gifts from lobbyists or organizations employing lobbyists. It requires members to obtain pre-approval from the ethics committee for travel paid by outside sponsors and bans the use of official or campaign funds for travel on corporate jets. It also prevents members from taking or withholding actions to influence outside groups' hiring on a partisan basis and requires annual ethics training for officers and employees of the House. **YES Passed 430-1**

> **8 1/05/07 H. Res. 6** Adoption of Title III of the resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress. The title prevents recorded votes from being held open beyond the 15-minute minimum time period in order to reverse an outcome. It also requires conference committee meetings to be open to all conferees, prohibits changes to conference agreements finalized by conferees and bars consideration of altered conference agreements in the House. **YES Passed 430-0**

> **9 1/05/07 H. Res. 6** Adoption of Title IV of the resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress. The title requires legislation and conference reports to be accompanied by a list of earmarks and limited tax or trade benefits, and their sponsors. Members must provide information about the recipient and purpose of an earmark. It creates new budget points of order, including pay-as-you-go rules which require tax increases for any new tax cuts. **NO Passed 280-152**

> **10 1/05/07 H. Res. 6** Motion to commit the resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress to a select committee comprised of the majority and minority leader with instructions that it be reported back after adding sections to allow for consideration of legislation concerning association health plans and requiring legislation and conference reports to be accompanied by a list of earmarks and limited tax or trade benefits, and their sponsors. Members would have to provide information about the recipient and purpose of an earmark. **YES Failed 200-232**

> **11 1/05/07 H. Res. 6** Adoption of Title V

This is the 11th Edition of all the recorded votes cast by Roy Blunt in the U.S. House of Representatives through early December 2007 during the First Session of the 110th Congress.

Each recorded vote includes the roll call number, date of the vote, title of the bill, a brief explanation of the measure, Roy's vote, and whether the bill passed or failed, along with the total House vote. Votes on 812 substantive bills, amendments, and resolutions are presented here in chronological order, but procedural votes such as rules, quorum calls, journal approvals and motions to adjourn are excluded for the sake of space.

of the resolution setting the rules for the 110th Congress. The title provides special rules for House floor consideration of specific bills regarding Sept. 11 commission recommendations, minimum wage, stem cell research funding and Medicare prescription drugs without amendments or committee action. **NO Passed 232-200**

> **12 1/09/07 H. Res. 35** Motion to recommit the resolution, to amend House rules to create a new Select Intelligence Oversight Panel within the House Appropriations Committee, to the House Rules Committee. **YES Failed 195-232**

> **13 1/09/07 H. Res. 35** Amending House rules to create a new Select Intelligence Oversight Panel within the House Appropriations Committee. The panel will hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for intelligence, recommend funding levels to the relevant subcommittees, prepare the classified annex to the annual Defense appropriations bill and conduct oversight of the use of appropriated funds. **NO Passed 239-188**

> **14 1/09/07 H.R. 1** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Foreign Affairs Committee with instructions to include language removing the provision that urges the President to work with the United Nations Security Council to authorize the Proliferation Security Initiative, a State Department program, under international law. It adds language to the bill stating that the U.S. government is exclusively responsible for ensuring the security of Americans. **YES Failed 198-230**

> **15 1/09/07 H.R. 1** Implementing recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission, including requiring homeland security grants to be provided primarily on the basis of risk while ensuring minimum amounts for each state. It creates a new grant program to support the development of interoperable communications. It also requires all cargo bound for the United States to be scanned for radiation and density before being placed on a ship in a foreign port. The bill gives the United Nations (UN) an additional role in counter proliferation and subjects some of the United States key security initiatives to the authorization of the UN. The bill authorizes new sanctions on foreign individuals or entities that engage in the improper transport or sales of nuclear weapons materials. **NO Passed 299-128**

> **17 1/10/07 H.R. 2** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee with instructions to include language allowing employers who provide health benefits to their employees to pay a minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. The bill fails to extend minimum wage to American Samoa. **YES Failed 144-287**

> **18 1/10/07 H.R. 2** Increasing the federal minimum wage by \$2.10 over two years - from the current level of \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour. The minimum wage increases 60 days after enactment, from \$5.15 to \$5.85 an hour. It rises to \$6.55 an hour a year later, and to \$7.25 an hour the next year. The bill also extends federal minimum wage requirements to the Common-

wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and sets it at \$3.55 an hour, 60 days after enactment. The wage would rise in 50 cent increments every six months until it reaches the \$7.25 per hour level. **NO Passed 315-116**

> **19 1/11/07 H.R. 3** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to include language prohibiting entities involved in human cloning from receiving federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. **YES Failed 189-238**

> **20 1/11/07 H.R. 3** Allowing the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines derived from surplus embryos at in-vitro fertilization clinics, but only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. The bill authorizes the Health and Human Services Department to conduct and support research involving human embryonic stem cells that meets certain criteria, regardless of when stem cells were derived from a human embryo. **NO Passed 253-174**

> **21 1/11/07 H. Res. 15** Expressing appreciation for the late President Gerald R. Ford's public service and directing that eulogies offered to him be bound and printed as House documents and sent to his family. **YES Passed\* 423-0**

> **22 1/12/07 H.R. 4** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to add language requiring the Health and Human Services Department to assure in negotiations with drug companies that beneficiaries will not be restricted or limited in their access to prescription drugs or to networks of chain and community pharmacies. The motion requires provisions that the negotiations not result in any increase in price for prescription drugs for any group. **YES Failed 196-229**

> **23 1/12/07 H.R. 4** Requiring the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department to negotiate with drug companies the prices of drugs covered under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. It also specifies that the bill should not be construed to authorize HHS to establish or require a particular formulary. **NO Passed 255-170**

> **28 1/17/07 H.R. 434** Authorizing, until Dec. 31, 2007, all programs, authority and provisions including pilot programs implemented before Sept. 30, 2006, by the Small Business Administration. **YES Passed 413-2**

> **31 1/17/07 H.R. 5** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee with instructions to add language to lower college loan interest rates for college graduates whose annual adjusted gross income is less than \$65,000 or who are serving on active or National Guard duty during a war, other military operation or national emergency. **YES Failed 186-241**

> **32 1/17/07 H.R. 5** Cutting interest rates in half over a five-year period for undergraduates with subsidized student loans, beginning July 1, 2007. Additional cuts become effective on July 1 each year for the next four years. It reduces the "special allowance payment" made to lenders, lowers the amount the government pays to lenders for defaulted loans, increases the one-time

origination fee paid by lenders to the government on all loans, cuts the fee paid to guaranty agencies that collect on loans and enlarges the annual fee paid by lenders on consolidation loans. **NO Passed 356-71**

> **38 1/18/07 H.R. 6** Motion to recommit the bill to the respective committees of jurisdiction with instructions to go through regular order. **YES Failed 194-232**

> **39 1/18/07 H.R. 6** Motion to table the Blunt appeal of the ruling of the chair against the Blunt point of order that House rules require a three-fifths majority passage vote if a bill would increase taxes. **NO Passed 230-195**

> **40 1/18/07 H.R. 6** Limiting tax benefits and requiring royalty payments from certain oil and gas companies. The resulting revenue will be deposited into a new renewable energy account that could be used to offset the cost of research into alternative energy sources and conservation measures contained in future legislation. **NO Passed 264-163**

> **58 1/29/07 H.R. 521** Designating a post office in Rock Island, Ill., as the Lane Evans Post Office Building, for former Rep. Lane Evans, D-Ill. (1983-2007) **YES Passed 405-3**

> **59 1/29/07 H.R. 49** Designating a post office in Vail, Colo., as the Gerald R. Ford Jr. Post Office Building for the late former president of the United States. **YES Passed 409-0**

> **60 1/29/07 H. Res. 82** Commending the University of Louisville Cardinals football team for its victory in the 2007 Orange Bowl. **YES Passed 408-1**

> **61 1/30/07 H. Res. 90** Congratulating Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears and Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts on becoming the first African-American head coaches of National Football League teams to qualify for the Super Bowl. **YES Passed 425-0**

> **62 1/30/07 H. Res. 24** Establishing the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the 110th Congress. **YES Passed 426-0**

> **63 1/30/07 H. Con. Res. 20** Calling on the British government to immediately establish a full and independent judicial inquiry into the 1989 murder of Patrick Finucane, a human rights defense attorney in Northern Ireland. **YES Passed 364-34**

> **64 1/31/07 H. Res. 59** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, which runs from Feb. 18-24. **YES Passed 417-0**

> **65 1/31/07 H. Con. Res. 34** Honoring the life of renowned African-American organic chemist Percy Lavon Julian. **YES Passed 418-0**

> **71 1/31/07 H. J. Res. 20** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to cut more than \$500 million for various projects and increase funding by \$275 million for basic military housing allowance, \$50 million to combat illicit drugs, \$86 million for military construction and family housing and direct \$178 million toward deficit reduction. **YES Failed 196-228**

> **72 1/31/07 H. J. Res. 20** Providing \$463.5 billion in continuing appropriations through Sept. 30, 2007, for all federal departments and agencies whose FY2007 appropriations bills have not been enacted. The measure generally holds funding at FY2006 levels but provides some funding changes for selected programs including \$2.49 billion for military housing in the Base Realignment and Closure Account (BRAC) program which is a reduction of \$3.14 billion from the Administration's request. It also blocks a scheduled 2007 cost-of-living pay increase for members of Congress. **NO Passed 286-140**

> **73 1/31/07 H. Con. Res. 5** Expressing sup-

**Amendment** - A proposal from a member of Congress to alter the language, provisions, or stipulations in a bill or in another amendment. It is usually printed, debated, and voted upon in the same way as a bill.

**Appropriation** - Legislation which provides the spending authority approved by authorization bills but not necessarily the full amount authorized. There are 12 annual appropriation bills for each fiscal year which begin on October 1.

**Authorization** - Basic legislation that establishes or continues (reauthorization) the legal operation of a federal program or agency, either indefinitely or for a specific time period, or which sanctions a particular type of obligation or expenditure.

**Bill** - A legislative proposal, designated as "HR" in the House of Representatives or "S" in the Senate, followed by a number assigned to the order in which it was introduced during the two-year session of a Congress. A bill becomes a law if it is approved by both House and Senate in identical form and language and signed by the president or a president's veto is overridden by a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate.

**Concurrent Resolution** - A resolution, designated as House Concurrent Resolution ("H Con Res") or Senate Concurrent Resolution ("S Con Res") often used to express the "sense of Congress" on various domestic or foreign policy issues. Concurrent resolutions differ from bills as they neither require nor are intended for approval by the president and, therefore, do not have the full force of law.

**Conference Report** - The product of a meeting ("conference") between designated representatives of the House and Senate to reconcile differences between the two chambers over provisions of a bill or joint resolution passed by both chambers in different forms or language. No bill or joint resolution can be sent to the president unless both chambers of Congress have approved common language ("conference report") on the measure.

**Continuing Resolution** - A bill which provides appropriations for specific ongoing activities of federal agencies when a fiscal year begins and Congress has not yet enacted the regular appropriations bill for the full fiscal year.

**Joint Resolution** - A resolution designated House Joint Resolution ("HJRes") or Senate Joint Resolution ("SJRes") followed by a number assigned in the order in which it was

introduced during the two year session in which a particular Congress is convened. If approved by both chambers in identical form and signed by the president, it becomes a law (just as a bill). A joint resolution is generally limited to special circumstances and is also used to propose amendments to the Constitution. Under that purpose, it does not require a presidential signature and becomes part of the Constitution if three-fourths of the states ratify or approve it.

**Motion to Recommit** - A procedural motion made by the minority party immediately preceding a vote on final passage of a piece of legislation. It is an attempt to send legislation back to its committee of origin so that important changes can be made to it. MTRs, as they are called, represent the minority party's last, best chance to make vital improvements to legislation before it is passed.

port for the designation and goals of "Hire a Veteran Week" and encouraging the president to issue a proclamation supporting those goals. **YES Passed 411-0**

> **74 2/05/07 H. Res. 94** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Consumer Protection Week, Feb. 4-10, 2007. **YES Passed\* 398-0**

> **75 2/05/07 H. Con. Res. 35** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and encouraging state and local governments, including their public health agencies, to recognize the day, publicize its importance and encourage individuals to undergo HIV testing. **YES Passed\* 396-0**

> **76 2/06/07 H.R. 161** Adjusting the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument in Idaho to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni memorial, which commemorates Japanese-Americans from Bainbridge Island, Washington. **YES Passed\* 419-0**

> **77 2/06/07 H.R. 386** Transferring nine acres of federal land and several buildings to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District. **YES Passed\* 417-0**

> **78 2/07/07 H.R. 365** Requiring the EPA, within one year of the bill's enactment, to create voluntary guidelines for the cleanup of sites that contained methamphetamine laboratories. **YES Passed\* 426-2**

> **79 2/07/07 H. Res. 120** Recognizing African-American spirituals as a "poignant and powerful genre of music" that has become one of the most significant segments of American music. **YES Passed\* 426-0**

> **80 2/07/07 H.R. 482** Authorizing the Interior Department to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project in Auburn, Calif., to the Placer County Water Agency in California. **YES Passed\* 425-0**

> **81 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to the Burgess amendment to mandate the EPA to analyze clean-air issues that may arise from additives to biofuels. The Eshoo amendment asks the EPA to assess strategies to minimize emissions that may be released when biofuels are blended, stored and transported. **NO Passed 242-185**

> **82 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to encourage the EPA to use land-grant institutions, historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions and other minority institutions to conduct some of the research authorized. **YES Passed 424-0**

> **83 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to require the EPA and Energy Department to recognize the potential impact of any further additives they may recommend on the ongoing problem of getting ethanol-blend fuel dispensers certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. **YES Passed 424-0**

> **84 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to di-

rect the Energy Department, in consultation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to consider the infrastructure challenges that will arise from the advancement of hydrogen fuel. **YES Passed 226-201**

> **85 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to require the EPA to consider where in the fuel chain additives should be included. **YES Passed 419-6**

> **86 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to note that in order to lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil and decrease demand for petroleum in aircraft, the United States must diversify its fuel supply for aircraft to include domestically produced alternative fuels. **YES Passed 422-3**

> **87 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to encourage the EPA to use land-grant institutions, historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, and other minority institutions to conduct some of the research for programs. **YES Passed 417-0**

> **88 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to require the EPA to consider where in the fuel chain additives should be included. **YES Passed 354-58**

> **89 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to require the EPA and Energy Department to recognize the potential impact of any further additives they may recommend on the ongoing problem of getting ethanol-blend fuel dispensers certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. **YES Passed 385-24**

> **90 2/08/07 H.R. 547** An amendment to note that in order to lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil and decrease demand for petroleum in aircraft, the United States must diversify its fuel supply for aircraft to include domestically produced alternative fuels. **YES Passed 385-23**

> **91 2/08/07 H.R. 547** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Science and Technology Committee with instructions to include language to replace the term "biofuel" with the term "alternative fuel," and define alternative fuels as blends of fuel that are at least 70 percent non-gasoline, or other fuels such as hydrogen, coal-derived liquids or natural gas. It would also note that domestic recoverable coal has the energy equivalent of one trillion barrels of oil and that the use of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel derived from coal-to-liquid technologies would lessen dependence on foreign energy sources. **YES Failed 200-207**

> **92 2/08/07 H.R. 547** Authorizing \$10 million for EPA to implement a research and development program on materials to be added to biofuels and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuels to make them more compatible with existing infrastructure used to store and deliver petroleum-

based fuels to consumers. It directs the EPA, in cooperation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to research portable, low-cost and accurate methods and technologies for testing sulfur content in fuel and require demonstration projects of the testing methods. **YES Passed 400-3**

> **93 2/12/07 H. Res. 134** Recognizing and honoring Homeland Security Department employees for their efforts and contributions to protect and secure the nation. **YES Passed\* 412-0**

> **94 2/12/07 H. Con. Res. 44** Honoring the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on its 98th anniversary. **YES Passed\* 410-0**

> **95 2/13/07 H. Res. 122** Recognizing the historical significance of Feb. 19, 1942, the date President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order restricting the freedom of Japanese-Americans, German-Americans, Italian-Americans and legal resident aliens through required identification cards, travel restrictions, seizure of personal property and internment. **YES Passed\* 426-0**

> **98 2/13/07 H.R. 437** Designating a post office in Rio Grande City, Texas, for Lino Perez Jr., who was a postmaster there. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **99 2/16/07 H. Con. Res. 63** Disapproving of President Bush's decision to deploy more than 20,000 additional U.S. combat troops to Iraq. **NO Passed 246-182**

> **102 2/16/07 H.R. 976** Providing \$1.3 billion in tax breaks for small businesses, including a one-year extension of increased limits for expensing business-related purchases and a modified and extended credit for hiring certain disadvantaged employees. **YES Passed 360-45**

> **103 2/27/07 H. Con. Res. 47** Recognizing recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest award accorded to members of the U.S. military, and supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day. **YES Passed\* 411-0**

> **104 2/27/07 H.R. 755** Requiring the chairmen, or their designees, of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to testify annually to Congress in 2007 and for five years thereafter on their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting. **YES Passed\* 412-0**

> **105 2/27/07 H.R. 884** Creating a new International Cooperative Programs Office within the Homeland Security Department's Science and Technology Directorate. It authorizes the directorate to cooperate with key allies in the war on terrorism to research and develop anti-terrorism technologies. **YES Passed\* 396-16**

> **106 2/28/07 H.R. 556** An amendment to require the annual report to Congress by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to include a detailed discussion of the effective rate of taxation on entrepreneurs and businesses, and other sources of capital in the United States compared with other countries. **YES Failed 198-228**

> **107 2/28/07 H.R. 556** An amendment to require CFIUS's annual report to Congress to include a detailed discussion of the amount of regulation in the United States as compared with other countries. **YES Failed 197-231**

> **108 2/28/07 H.R. 556** An amendment to require CFIUS's annual report to Congress to include a detailed discussion of information on the number of U.S. jobs related to foreign investment resulting from covered transactions. **YES Failed 197-231**

> **109 2/28/07 H.R. 556** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions to include language to require the annual CFIUS report to Congress to include information on impediments to legitimate foreign investment in the United States. **YES Failed 193-229**

> **110 2/28/07 H.R. 556** Giving statutory authority to CFIUS, with the Treasury secretary as chairperson and the Homeland Security secretary as vice chairperson. It requires CFIUS to review all national security-related business transactions and report to Congress within five days of its final action in an investigation. Congress could request one detailed classified briefing on a transaction. Presidential approval will be required for any transaction involving a foreign government on the State Department's watch list or involving a person from such a state. **YES Passed 423-0**

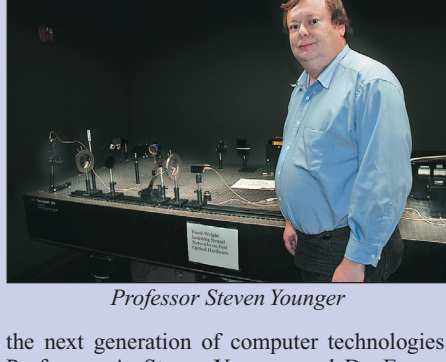
> **111 2/28/07 H. Con. Res. 52** Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and encouraging Americans to prevent the risk of heart disease by adopting a healthier lifestyle. **YES Passed 412-0**

> **114 3/01/07 H.R. 800** An amendment to provide that employers are not required to hire individuals seeking employment with a particular company with the intent to organize employees into a union, a practice known as "salting." **YES Failed 164-264**

> **115 3/01/07 H.R. 800** An amendment to require the National Labor Relations Board to promulgate standards and a model notice so that an employee can request to be on a "do not call or contact" list to avoid solicitation by a union. **YES Failed 173-256**

> **116 3/1/07 H.R. 800** Substitute amendment to prohibit the recognition of a union by the card check method, in which a majority of employees form a union by signing cards authorizing

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Professor Steven Younger

the next generation of computer technologies. Professors A. Steven Younger and Dr. Emmet Reed are looking at new ways to use optical hardware to allow computers to operate 10,000 times faster than the desktop computers of today.

Crosslink is working to develop protective suits and apparel from polymers and fabrics that both detect and protect against harmful agents. The suits would release a material that washes away dangerous substances.

Technology is being developed at JVIC to make it possible to quickly reload or reset software in satellites in the aftermath of a solar flare or even a nuclear attack. Today, such an event could cause significant downtime as new software is uploaded from ground-based control centers.

In Joplin, Pentagon research funding is going into the U.S. Army's next generation of lithium-carbon batteries – dramatically increasing performance and energy density. That project is being pioneered by Eagle-Picher.

At LeBarge, Southwest Missouri workers are building a newer version of a weapon that can be fired from a plane 70 miles from the target with pinpoint accuracy. The new prototype would provide greater capability at half the cost.

It also requires that a union be recognized and certified only after a secret ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. **YES Failed 173-256**

> **117 3/01/07 H.R. 800** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee with instructions to include language to require an employee to attest to being a U.S. citizen or legal resident when returning an authorization card. Documentary evidence supporting the statement would be required. **YES Failed 202-225**

> **118 3/01/07 H.R. 800** Allowing union organizers to bypass secret-ballot elections if they can gather a majority of eligible employees' signatures on a petition in support of union formation. It establishes a system of mediation and arbitration that applies to an employer and union that are unable to agree on their first contract. It requires the employer to pay three times the amount of back pay that an employee is due if the employee is illegally fired or discriminated against during an organizational or first contract drive. **NO Passed 241-185**

> **119 3/05/07 H.R. 995** Extending authorization for the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation until October 2015 to establish a memorial in Washington, D.C., or its environs to

honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the armed forces. **YES Passed\* 390-0**

> **120 3/05/07 H.R. 497** Authorizing the Marion Park Project to establish a commemorative work on federal land in Washington, D.C., or its environs to honor Brig. Gen. Francis Marion and barring federal funds for the commemoration. **YES Passed\* 390-0**

> **121 3/06/07 H. Res. 98** Honoring the life and achievements of Dr. John Garang de Mabor, the founder of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, a political movement in southern Sudan. It also reaffirms the House's commitment to lasting peace in that country. **YES Passed\* 410-1**

> **122 3/06/07 H. Res. 149** Supporting the goals and ideals of International Women's Day and encouraging the president to proclaim March 8th as International Women's Day. **YES Passed\* 403-0**

> **124 3/07/07 H.R. 569** Motion to recommit the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with language that bars the use of funds authorized to lobby or retain a lobbyist to influence a federal, state or local government entity or officer. It also bars the use of funds to pay for expenses related to memberships in an organization or association. **YES Passed 425-0**

> **125 3/07/07 H.R. 569** Authorizing \$1.7 billion in FY2008 through 2012 for sewer overflow control EPA grants. The grants would be used by municipalities to plan, design and construct new sewer systems to carry both domestic sewage and industrial wastewater. **YES Passed 367-58**

> **126 3/07/07 H.R. 710** Making paired kidney donations legal and barring criminal penalties against such donations. It provides \$30 million during 2009 and \$470 million after 2013 to reimburse physicians under the Medicare program. **YES Passed\* 422-0**

> **128 3/08/07 H.R. 700** An amendment to prohibit the bill's authorization levels from taking effect unless the cost of the provisions was offset by cuts in other spending. **YES Failed 176-256**

> **129 3/08/07 H.R. 700** Motion to recommit the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with language that bars the use of funds authorized to lobby or retain a lobbyist to influence a federal, state or local government entity or officer. It also bars the use of funds to pay for expenses related to memberships in an organization or association. **YES Passed 427-0**

> **130 3/08/07 H.R. 700** Authorizing \$125 million for an EPA pilot program that funds projects intended to provide water from alternative sources in an environmentally sustainable manner. As amended, it requires EPA to consider whether an alternative water source project is located in an area with a public water system serving 10,000 or fewer when selecting grant recipients for the pilot program. **YES Passed 368-59**

> **131 3/08/07 H. Res. 202** Providing \$280.2 million in the 110th Congress for 19 standing committees of the House, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and a new Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. The resolution specifies that \$137.9 million will be for the first session and \$142.3 million for the second session. **NO Passed 269-150**

> **133 3/09/07 H.R. 720** An amendment to strike a provision to apply Davis-Bacon requirements to wastewater construction projects financed with non-federal funds. Davis-Bacon

requires that any workers on a federal project be paid prevailing wages. **YES Failed 140-280**

> **134 3/09/07 H.R. 720** Motion to recommit the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions that the bill be immediately reported back with language that bars individuals with a transportation worker identification card from boarding a maritime vessel if they have been convicted of certain felonies such as racketeering, sedition, espionage or murder. **YES Passed 359-56**

> **135 3/09/07 H.R. 720** Authorizing \$14 billion from FY2008 through 2011 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and an additional \$2 billion from FY2008 through 2012 for three other existing clean water EPA programs. The fund provides money to states for local water infrastructure projects. The bill raises revenue from FY2008 through 2017 on tonnage duties assessed on vessels arriving from foreign ports or embarking on "voyages to nowhere." It applies Davis-Bacon requirements to wastewater construction projects financed with non-federal funds. Davis-Bacon requires that any workers on a federal project be paid prevailing wages. **NO Passed 303-108**

> **136 3/12/07 H.R. 85** Setting more detailed requirements for an existing Energy Department grant program that aims to encourage the use of energy efficiency through the transfer of information from the research sector to businesses and governments. **YES Passed\* 395-1**

> **137 3/12/07 H. Res. 136** Commending the Girl Scouts on their 95th anniversary and for their accomplishments, including work on the issue of obesity among young girls. **YES Passed\* 395-0**

> **138 3/12/07 H. Res. 89** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a Dutch-American Friendship Day should be established to celebrate the historical ties between the United States and the Netherlands. **YES Passed\* 391-0**

> **139 3/13/07 H. Res. 64** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury and return all his confiscated possessions. **YES Passed\* 409-1**

> **140 3/13/07 H. Res. 228** Recognizing the 186th anniversary of Greece, and celebrating Greek and American democracy. **YES Passed\* 413-0**

> **141 3/13/07 H. Res. 222** Reiterating the support of the House of Representatives for the 1998 Good Friday Agreement as the blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland. **YES Passed\* 419-1**

> **142 3/14/07 H.R. 1254** Requiring organizations that raise money for presidential libraries to disclose on a quarterly basis the identities of donors who contribute \$200 or more. The data will be made available online. **YES Passed\* 390-34**

> **143 3/14/07 H.R. 1255** Repealing a 2001 executive order restricting access to presidential records and establishing a statutory process under which current and former presidents could claim executive privilege over records. **YES Passed\* 333-93**

> **144 3/14/07 H.R. 1309** Clarifying that the 20-day time limit for responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests begins on the date the request is received. An agency will not collect a search fee if it missed the deadline. Agencies are required to establish tracking systems and provide each person making a FOIA request with a tracking number within 10 days.

**YES Passed\* 308-117**

> **150 3/14/07 H.R. 985** An amendment to strike a provision to provide whistleblower protections to federal employees who disclose actions that compromise the validity or accuracy of federally funded research or analysis, and disseminate false or misleading scientific, medical or technical information. **YES Failed 159-271**

> **151 3/14/07 H.R. 985** An amendment to prohibit supervisors from taking any action that restricts or prevents an employee performing federally funded research or analysis from publishing in a peer-reviewed journal or other scientific publication, or from making oral presentations at professional society meetings. **NO Passed 252-173**

> **152 3/14/07 H.R. 985** Motion to recommit the bill to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions that the bill be reported back immediately with language that protects federal employees from retaliation for the exercise and expression of religion in the workplace. **YES Passed 426-0**

> **153 3/14/07 H.R. 985** Providing protection to federal employees who disclose evidence of waste, abuse or gross mismanagement. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position. **NO Passed 331-94**

> **155 3/15/07 H.R. 1362** Motion to recommit the bill to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language that prohibits federal contracts with any university that allows private employers, but not the military, to recruit on campus. **YES Passed 309-114**

> **156 3/15/07 H.R. 1362** Limiting the time on federal no-bid contracts, requiring certain agencies to create plans for increasing competition in contract bidding and setting up disclosure and oversight requirements for contracts. It requires a federal agency that has awarded at least \$1 billion in the preceding fiscal year to develop and implement a plan to minimize the use of contracts using non-competitive procedures and cost-reimbursement. **NO Passed 347-73**

> **157 3/19/07 H. Res. 138** Recognizing the 175th anniversary of Hot Springs National Park in Hot Springs, Ark. **YES Passed\* 399-0**

> **158 3/19/07 H.R. 658** Allowing the Park Service to enter into cooperative agreements with other federal agencies and non-federal entities, such as local governments, nonprofit groups and private landowners, to protect natural resources on park lands and in surrounding areas. **YES Passed\* 390-10**

> **159 3/19/07 H.R. 839** Authorizing the Interior Department to conduct a feasibility study and environmental evaluation on raising the height of the Arthur V. Watkins Dam for the development of additional storage to meet water supply needs within the Weber Basin Project area. **YES Passed\* 394-1**

> **161 3/20/07 H. Con. Res. 42** Honoring the service of the U.S. Army Air Force's glider pilots during World War II. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **162 3/20/07 H.R. 759** Designating the library in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library." **YES Passed\* 420-1**

> **164 3/20/07 H.R. 1227** An amendment to require recipients of rental assistance provided under the bill to perform 20 hours per week of approved work activities, such as vocational education, community service and providing child care services. **YES Failed 162-266**

> **165 3/20/07 H.R. 1227** An amendment to require all pre-Hurricane Katrina public hous-

ing units in New Orleans to be replaced. **YES Failed 198-232**

> **168 3/21/07 H.R. 1227** An amendment to strike the provision to provide funds to allow families participating in the Disaster Voucher Program in January 2008 to transfer to the Section 8 voucher program. **YES Failed 185-247**

> **169 3/21/07 H.R. 1227** An amendment to strike the section to allow community development block grants, made available after hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma, to be used by a state or locality as a matching requirement for other federal programs. **NO Failed 98-333**

> **170 3/21/07 H.R. 1227** An amendment to extend FEMA housing assistance for evacuees of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma to Dec. 31, 2007, after which time, evacuees will receive temporary Section 8 vouchers. Landlords will be not required to accept those vouchers. **NO Passed 242-184**

> **171 3/21/07 H.R. 1227** Motion to recommit the bill with instructions to add language that bars households that include convicted drug dealing, sex, or domestic violence offenders, or members of violent gangs, from occupying rebuilt public housing in New Orleans. Priority will be given to households with employed individuals who agree to contribute to community service. **YES Passed 249-176**

> **172 3/21/07 H.R. 1227** Blocking the demolition of damaged New Orleans public housing units until a plan is developed to replace them and granting public housing tenants an absolute right of return. It authorizes the reimbursement of communities and landlords for providing assistance to displaced individuals. **NO Passed 302-125**

> **173 3/21/07 H.R. 835** Authorizing through FY2012 the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant and Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee programs, which provide grants for affordable housing for low-income Native Hawaiians and guaranteed loans to families residing on land dedicated for homesteading Native Hawaiians. **NO Passed 262-162**

> **174 3/21/07 H.R. 327** Requiring the Veterans Affairs Department to develop and implement a comprehensive program to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans. **YES Passed\* 423-0**

> **175 3/21/07 H.R. 797** Providing that veterans who receive disability compensation because of blindness in one eye would receive additional benefits if they become visually impaired in the second eye, rather than when full blindness occurs. **YES Passed\* 424-0**

> **176 3/21/07 H.R. 1284** Increasing the rate of compensation for disabled veterans and the rate of dependency and indemnity compensation for their families, effective Dec. 1, 2007. **YES Passed\* 418-0**

> **177 3/21/07 H.R. 1130** Extending through 2009 the right of judicial employees to omit certain personal information about themselves or their family members from financial disclosure reports. **YES Passed\* 415-0**

> **178 3/21/07 H.R. 740** Making it a crime to knowingly modify caller ID information with the intent of misleading the recipient of a call, a practice known as "spoofing." **YES Passed\* 413-1**

> **181 3/22/07 H. Con. Res. 66** Authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda on April 19, 2007, for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the "Days of Remembrance" for victims of the Holocaust. **YES Passed\* 424-0**

> **183 3/22/07 H.R. 545** Amending the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968

to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for preventing the use of methamphetamines. **YES Passed\* 423-0**

> **186 3/23/07 H.R. 1591** Appropriating approximately \$124 billion in FY2007 emergency funding, as well as set in motion a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq by August 2008 and establishing waivable requirements for unit readiness and deployment lengths. It provides \$95.5 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, \$6.4 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, \$3.3 billion in crop and livestock disaster assistance and \$2.5 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs. **NO Passed 218-212**

> **187 3/19/07 H.R. 802** Requiring the Coast Guard and the EPA to establish regulations concerning the air emissions of U.S. vessels and for vessels operating in U.S. or territorial seas, in emission control areas, and in other areas designated by the EPA. **NO Passed\* 359-48**

> **188 3/19/07 H.R. 137** Making it a felony to knowingly buy, sell, transport, deliver or receive any animal in interstate or foreign commerce for the purpose of participation in a fighting venture. It increases the maximum prison sentence to three years. **NO Passed\* 368-39**

> **189 3/19/07 H.R. 580** Allowing the attorney general to appoint interim U.S. attorneys for a period of no more than 120 days in the event of a vacancy. If a new U.S. attorney is not confirmed in that time, the district court with the vacancy appoints an interim U.S. attorney to serve until a replacement receives Senate confirmation. **NO Passed\* 329-78**

> **193 3/20/07 H. Res. 266** Supporting the goals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day and applauding the efforts of social workers. **YES Passed\* 417-2**

> **196 3/20/07 H.R. 1401** An amendment to prohibit Amtrak from using funds authorized by the bill, except funds for fire and life-safety improvements, on the 10 long-distance routes that have lost the most revenue. **YES Failed 130-299**

> **197 3/20/07 H.R. 1401** An amendment to strike provisions to create a grant program to security of over-the-road buses and authorize \$87 million over four years for the program. **YES Failed 98-332**

> **198 3/20/07 H.R. 1401** An amendment to clarify that the Homeland Security Department is responsible for choosing recipients for the rail, public transportation and bus grant programs, while the Transportation Department administers the grants. **NO Passed 222-197**

> **199 3/21/07 H.R. 1401** An amendment to require the Transportation Department, in consultation with the Homeland Security Department, to establish a program to coordinate with state and local governments to minimize the need for rail transportation of toxic inhalation hazardous materials. **NO Passed 234-184**

> **200 3/21/07 H.R. 1401** Motion to recommit the bill to the Homeland Security Committee with instructions to add language to protect passengers who report suspicious activities aboard mass transit from lawsuits. **YES Passed 304-121**

> **201 3/21/07 H.R. 1401** Authorizing \$6.2 billion for the next four years for rail, mass transit and bus security and requiring the Homeland Security Department to establish regulations for rail and mass transit systems. Those considered to be of greatest risk have to have their plans approved by the Homeland Security Department. It requires training for all rail, transit and bus employees and extending whistleblower protection to transportation

employees. **NO Passed 299-124**

> **205 3/21/07 H.R. 835** Authorizing through FY2012 the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant and Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee programs, which provide grants for affordable housing for low-income Native Hawaiians and guaranteed loans to families residing on land dedicated for homesteading by Native Hawaiians. **NO Passed 272-150**

> **207 3/21/07 H.R. 1538** An amendment to require the Defense secretary to develop a plan to help prevent military service members from developing post-traumatic stress disorder and other stress-related psychopathologies, including substance abuse. **YES Passed 426-0**

> **208 3/21/07 H.R. 1538** Creating a new system of case managers, advocates and counselors for wounded service members returning from combat overseas. It establishes a toll-free hotline for reporting deficiencies in medical facilities and creates a new system to transfer soldiers' medical records from the Defense Department to the Veterans Affairs Department more efficiently. It imposes a one-year moratorium on the initiation of new public-private competitions at military medical facilities. **YES Passed 426-0**

> **209 3/21/07 H. Con. Res. 99** Substitute amendment to balance the budget and achieve a surplus in FY2012. It raises taxes for the top two income brackets as well as for dividends and capital gains. **NO Failed 115-312**

> **210 3/21/07 H. Con. Res. 99** Substitute amendment to set non-defense, domestic discretionary spending at \$483 billion for FY2008. It would achieve a \$22.7 billion surplus by FY2010 by raising taxes for the top 1 percent of U.S. households and eliminating certain corporate tax provisions. It assumes that veterans' health care would become a mandatory spending program and that the amount available in FY2008 would be 130 percent of the FY2005 level. **NO Failed 81-340**

> **211 3/21/07 H. Con. Res. 99** Substitute amendment to set discretionary spending at \$1.1 trillion for FY2008, including money for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and achieves a budget surplus of \$99.5 billion in FY2012. It provides for a reconciliation bill to reduce mandatory spending by \$279 billion over five years and assumes an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. It changes House rules to require a vote on legislation to increase the national debt. **YES Failed 160-268**

> **212 3/21/07 H. Con. Res. 99** Allowing up to \$955.8 billion in discretionary spending for FY2008, plus \$145.2 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan by imposing the largest tax increase in American history. Non-defense discretionary spending would be \$451.1 billion plus an additional \$2 billion in FY2009 advance funding. It would provide for a reconciliation bill and direct the Education and Labor Committee to find a total of \$75 million in mandatory spending cuts in FY2007 through 2012. **NO Passed 216-210**

> **214 4/17/07 H.R. 1677** Requiring the IRS to notify a taxpayer if it suspected unauthorized use of the taxpayer's identity. It also permits the IRS to withhold information from lenders it deemed predatory and requires the IRS to expand its outreach to people who might be eligible for the earned-income tax credit, even if they did not file a tax return, among other provisions. **YES Passed\* 407-7**

> **215 4/17/07 H. Res. 196** Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day on March 22nd. **YES Passed\* 393-22**

> **216 4/17/07 H. Con. Res. 100** Expressing

the sense of Congress condemning state-sponsored violence in Zimbabwe. **YES Passed\* 414-0**

> **217 4/17/07 H. Res. 273** Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month in April. **YES Passed\* 414-2**

> **218 4/17/07 H. Con. Res. 76** Honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year for its contributions to scientific research on Earth and in space. **YES Passed\* 406-0**

> **222 4/18/07 H.R. 1361** An amendment to strike provisions giving the Small Business Administration (SBA) authority to waive the prohibition on duplicate benefits for victims of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. **YES Failed 178-246**

> **223 4/18/07 H.R. 1361** An amendment to strike provisions to give the SBA authority to offer grants of up to \$100,000 for certain businesses severely affected by hurricanes Katrina, Rita or Wilma. **YES Failed 174-252**

> **224 4/18/07 H.R. 1361** Motion to recommit the bill to the Small Business Committee with instructions that the bill be immediately reported back with language to prohibit SBA assistance to anyone who pleads no contest or is convicted of a felony. **YES Failed 204-218**

> **225 4/18/07 H.R. 1361** Overhauling the SBA's disaster loan program and creating a disaster planning position within the agency. The SBA is required to develop and implement a disaster response plan and maintain a 1,000-person "disaster reserve corps." Individual disaster loan limits are doubled to \$3 million. The agency is required to create a centralized application tracking system and revise repayment and disbursement timetables. **NO Passed 267-158**

> **226 4/18/07 H. Res. 300** Commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women's basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of their student athletes. **YES Passed\* 416-0**

> **227 4/18/07 H. Res. 293** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Volunteer Week. **YES Passed\* 411-0**

> **230 4/19/07 H.R. 1905** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that the bill be immediately reported back with language to provide for expedited judicial review of the legislation. Any legal action would have to be filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Any decision could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. **YES Failed 193-227**

> **231 4/19/07 H.R. 1905** Permanently increasing the membership of the House of Representatives to 437, granting a seat to the District of Columbia and an additional seat to Utah. Both seats are to be filled by special election. The bill also adds one seat for Utah to the electoral college so there would be 539 votes. **NO Passed 241-177**

> **232 4/19/07 H.R. 1906** Increasing quarterly estimated tax payments for persons with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$5 million. Affected taxpayers are required to make total estimated tax payments equal to 110.1 percent of their previous year's taxes, or 90 percent of their anticipated taxes for the year, whichever is less. **NO Passed 216-203**

> **233 4/19/07 H.R. 1495** Motion to recommit the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions that the bill be immediately reported back with language to have the secretary of the Army inventory, develop and maintain all lands and projects under the secretary's jurisdiction for the potential of increasing hydroelectric power. **YES Failed 194-226**

> **234 4/19/07 H.R. 1495** Authorizing \$14.7 billion for more than 700 water resource development projects and studies by the Army Corps of Engineers for flood control, navigation, beach erosion control and environmental restoration. Certain water development projects that exceed \$50 million will receive an independent review. The bill authorizes \$3.6 billion for a system of new locks and dams and environmental restoration for the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway system. It also authorizes hurricane recovery activities along the Gulf Coast. **YES Passed 394-25**

> **235 4/19/07 H.R. 1591** Motion to instruct House conferees to include language that would insist on various House-passed provisions related to the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq and restrictions on the secretary of defense's use of the armed forces in Iraq after the redeployment. **NO Passed 215-199**

> **236 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** An amendment to prohibit a shareholder's vote from being counted if the shareholder spent more than a minimal amount of money trying to influence the votes of others and did not fully disclose those activities to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). **YES Failed 177-222**

> **237 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** An amendment that only triggers shareholder votes on executive compensation packages if the packages exceed by 10 percent or more the average compensation at companies within the same industry and with comparable total market capitalization. **YES Failed 155-244**

> **238 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** An amendment to exempt companies from say-on-pay requirements if they already elect the directors by a majority vote by shareholders. **YES Failed 161-241**

> **239 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** An amendment to require shareholders who cast a non-binding advisory vote on behalf of beneficiaries of a pension fund to disclose whether they voted to approve or disapprove the compensation. **YES Failed 164-236**

> **240 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** Substitute amendment to strike the text of the bill and replace it with a finding stating that the SEC's September 2006 rule regarding executive compensation disclosure to shareholders provides an adequate mechanism for shareholder approval of such compensation. **YES Failed 148-257**

> **241 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** An amendment to exempt companies that tie executive pay to performance, in the form of "non-qualified deferred compensation," from non-binding shareholder votes on executive compensation. **YES Failed 160-240**

> **242 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** An amendment to require the SEC to conduct a study on whether a separate non-binding shareholder vote would hinder a publicly traded company's ability to compete for the best available executive candidates. If the commission finds that it would, a non-binding vote would not be required. **YES Failed 162-242**

> **243 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with a new paragraph clarifying the non-binding nature of the shareholder vote. **YES Failed 184-222**

> **244 4/20/07 H.R. 1257** Requiring publicly traded corporations to allow shareholders to cast non-binding votes beginning in 2009 on compensation packages for top executives. It requires companies to disclose executive severance pay plans in the event of any acquisition, merger, consolidation, proposed sale or other disposition of substantially all of a company's assets.

**NO Passed 269-134**

> **245 4/23/07 H. Res. 179** Supporting the establishment of a National Foster Parents Day. **YES Passed\* 390-0**

> **246 4/23/07 H.R. 1434** Designating a post office in Springdale, Pa., as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building." **NO Passed\* 334-53**

> **247 4/23/07 H.R. 1402** Designating a post office in Lecanto, Fla., as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building." **YES Passed\* 386-0**

> **250 4/24/07 H. Res. 299** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect. **YES Passed\* 411-0**

> **251 4/24/07 H. Res. 289** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **YES Passed\* 410-0**

> **252 4/24/07 H. Res. 119** Supporting the goals of the 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28. **YES Passed\* 407-0**

> **253 4/24/07 H.R. 362** Motion to recommit the bill to the Science and Technology Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to clarify that nothing be construed to limit state governments and local school boards from determining the curricula of their students. **YES Passed 408-4**

> **254 4/24/07 H.R. 362** Authorizing \$1.5 billion between FY2008 through 2012 for federal continuing education programs for math and science teachers and scholarships to encourage undergraduates to become math and science teachers. **YES Passed 389-22**

> **255 4/24/07 H.R. 363** An amendment to

funding for federal scientific research efforts. **YES Passed 397-20**

> **259 4/25/07 H. Con. Res. 7** Strongly urging the League of Arab States to declare the systematic torture, rape and displacement of people in the Darfur region of Sudan as genocide. **YES Passed\* 425-1**

> **260 4/25/07 H.R. 1678** Authorizing \$49 million per year in FY2008 and 2009 for specified domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture. **YES Passed\* 418-7**

> **261 4/25/07 H.R. 493** Prohibiting insurance companies, employers, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating on the basis of genetic information. It bars health plans from requiring genetic testing. The prohibitions against genetic discrimination include genetic information on the fetus of a pregnant woman. **YES Passed\* 420-3**

> **262 4/25/07 H.R. 1332** Motion to recommit the bill to the Small Business Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language requiring the SBA to allow businesses that have been adversely affected by the federal minimum wage to be eligible for the Community Express program. **YES Failed 197-224**

> **263 4/25/07 H.R. 1332** Authorizing the SBA to create four new 7(a) loan programs, which provide long-term loans for business startups or business expansions, and expanding the number of certified development companies eligible to issue SBA guaranteed loans. It allows a premier certified lender to maintain a lower loss reserve that was equal to 1 percent of the total

vide \$4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. **NO Passed 218-208**

> **266 4/25/07 H. Res. 320** Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for its victory in the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. **YES Passed\* 415-0**

> **267 4/26/07 H.R. 249** An amendment to prohibit the bill's authorization levels from taking effect unless the cost of those provisions would be offset. **YES Failed 186-238**

> **268 4/26/07 H.R. 249** Motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that the bill be immediately reported back with language that denotes the legislation would not take effect until 60 days after the date on which the interior secretary certifies to Congress that the long-term care of all animals not sold as a result of the bill does not exceed \$500,000 annually. **YES Failed 182-234**

> **269 4/26/07 H.R. 248** Prohibiting the Bureau of Land Management from selling or transferring wild horses or burros or their remains for processing into commercial products. **NO Passed 277-137**

> **270 5/01/07 H. Res. 334** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month in April. **YES Passed\* 420-0**

> **271 5/01/07 H. Con. Res. 112** Expressing the support of Congress for the goals and ideals of National Child Care Worthy Wage Day on May 1. **NO Passed\* 345-73**

> **272 5/01/07 H. Res. 298** Congratulating the University of Florida men's basketball team for its victory in the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. **YES Passed\* 415-0**

> **276 5/02/07 H.R. 1591** Passage, over President Bush's May 1, 2007, veto, of the bill to provide \$124.2 billion in FY2007 emergency funding, including \$95.5 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It places new restrictions on the commanders in the field and the commander-in-chief. The bill requires a two-thirds majority to override the veto. **NO Failed 222-203**

> **277 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** An amendment to establish a demonstration program under which eight states would be allowed to coordinate Head Start with their state run early-childhood development programs. **YES Failed 165-254**

> **278 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** An amendment to create a new federal program outside of the existing Head Start program to pay off student loans for individuals with a degree in early childhood education who worked in a Head Start Center, irrespective of whether or not the individual is actually employed as a teacher. **NO Passed 312-107**

> **279 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** An amendment to require training and technical assistance in the Early Head Start program to be provided by entities with specific expertise in infant and toddler development. It requires that 50 percent of training and technical assistance funds be provided directly to Head Start grantees. **YES Passed 372-50**

> **280 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** An amendment to require that 50 percent of Head Start teachers nationwide have at least a bachelor's degree by 2011. **YES Failed 137-286**

> **281 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** An amendment to strike provisions to require the development and implementation of a new system to review applications for Head Start grants and insert language that would require that grantees recompile for a grant every five years, regardless of their performance. **YES Failed 161-262**

## 110th Congress' Legislative "Accomplishments"

While the Democrat-led 110th Congress has voted a record 1122 times as of November 16, this record is a sad state of affairs in Washington, where only one must-pass bill funding the federal government has been signed into law by the President. Below is a summary of some of the 110th Congress' lack of legislative accomplishments:

While the President has signed 107 bills into law:

- 47 of those bills named public buildings;
- 44 received overwhelming bipartisan support; and
- 14 extended existing programs.

Not since 1987, has a Congress sent so few appropriations bills to the President by November 1.

While the Congress failed to pass legislation funding the government, the House and the Senate voted a combined 62 times this year on Iraq, including measures that tie the hands of commanders in the field and mandate a timeline for withdrawal that could threaten the safety of our troops. None of these measures became law.

authorize \$281 million from FY2009 through 2013 to create a new scholarship program for undergraduates who are specializing in science, technology, engineering or math and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. **NO Passed 254-165**

> **256 4/24/07 H.R. 363** Motion to recommit the bill to the Science and Technology Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language giving priority to grants to expand domestic energy production and for coal-to-liquid technology. **YES Passed 264-154**

> **257 4/24/07 H.R. 363** Authorizing new grant programs for young scientists and engineers, establishing a presidential science award, and creating an office to examine and recommend

outstanding loan; the lender has to pay 15 percent of the SBA's total loss on a defaulted loan. **YES Passed 380-45**

> **265 4/25/07 H.R. 1591** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that provides \$124.2 billion in FY2007 emergency funding, and setting a goal of redeploying most U.S. combat troops in Iraq by the end of March 2008, if the president can certify the Iraq government is meeting benchmarks, and by the end of 2007 if he cannot. The measure provides \$95.5 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, \$6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, \$3.5 billion in crop and livestock disaster assistance, and \$2.25 billion for homeland security antiterrorism programs. It also raises the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour over two years and pro-

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Branson. That will save many of them trips to Mt. Vernon or Fayetteville, Arkansas to see a VA doctor.”

U.S. Senator Kit Bond, who has worked to fund community-based outpatient clinics in Missouri and across the country, said, “These new clinics will make it easier for Missouri veterans to receive the health care they need.”

The CBOC was established to improve veterans’ access to primary and specialty care in rural areas. Services will include comprehensive primary care, health promotion and maintenance, routine and urgent care procedures, and education.

The new Branson CBOC will also provide an array of out patient mental health services as well, including medication management, substance abuse treatment and counseling, individual and group counseling, ongoing patient assessment, and therapy.

that if Head Start funding is less than the previous year’s appropriation, Head Start grantees may negotiate with the Health and Human Services Department to reduce the number of children enrolled in the program if it is necessary to maintain the quality of services.

**NO Passed 253-171**  
**>283 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** An amendment to include congressional findings outlining the history and importance of faith-based and community-based organizations participating in the Head Start program. It also adds language to clarify that faith-based and community-based organizations will continue to be eligible to participate in the Head Start program on the same basis as other organizations.

**NO Passed 229-195**  
**>284 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** Motion to recommit the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to permit faith-based Head Start providers to take religion into account when hiring employees for their Head Start program. It also clarified that faith-based organizations would not have to remove “religious art, icons, scripture or other symbols” in order to be eligible for Head Start programs.

**YES Failed 195-222**  
**>285 5/02/07 H.R. 1429** Authorizing \$7.4 billion in FY2008 and such sums as necessary from FY2009 through 2012 for the Head Start program. It requires at least 50 percent of Head Start teachers to have a bachelor’s degree by 2013. It provides for a new system to review applications to identify which programs provide high quality comprehensive early childhood programs. The bill allows Head Start programs to increase income eligibility to 130 percent of poverty, if the programs demonstrate a community need.

**YES Passed 365-48**  
**>286 5/02/07 H. Res. 243** Condemning the arrests of Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai and Le Thi Cong Nhan by the Vietnamese government and calling for their immediate and unconditional release and the dropping of all criminal charges. **YES Passed\* 404-0**

**>287 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to

the Honda amendment. The Sullivan amendment would add language to require information on climate change to include the diversity of scientific opinion on the impact of human activities on climate change, and the negative effects of actions to reduce greenhouse gases.

**YES Failed 166-250**  
**>288 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to direct the NSF to assist two of its existing education programs in developing educational materials regarding climate change, climate science and greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

**NO Passed 252-165**  
**>289 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds authorized for the National Science Foundation for research related to a number of specific topics such as archives of Andean knotted-string records and bison hunting on the late prehistoric Great Plains.

**YES Failed 195-222**  
**>290 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in the authorization. **YES Failed 115-301**

**>291 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in the authorization. **YES Failed 126-292**

**>292 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to strike a provision directing the National Science Foundation to create a pilot program to help individuals improve grant applications that were previously submitted but not selected for funding.

**YES Failed 128-290**  
**>293 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to direct the National Science Foundation to provide grant supplements to institutions that receive awards through the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program. The supplemental funding will be used to train graduate students in communicating their research to “non-scientist audiences.”

**NO Passed 232-186**  
**>294 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** An amendment to prohibit the bill’s authorization levels from taking effect unless the costs of the provisions were offset. **YES Failed 183-235**

**>295 5/02/07 H.R. 1867** Authorizing \$21 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY2008 through 2010, including \$16.4 billion for research and related activities.

**YES Passed 399-17**  
**>298 5/03/07 H.R. 1592** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back promptly with new language that includes the elderly and military personnel among those protected by federal hate-crime law.

**YES Failed 189-227**  
**>299 5/03/07 H.R. 1592** Expanding federal hate-crimes law to make certain violent crimes against an individual because of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability stand-alone hate-crime offenses. It authorizes federal grants of \$5 million in FY2008 and 2009 to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in prosecuting violent hate crimes.

**NO Passed 237-180**  
**>300 5/03/07 H.R. 1868** Motion to recommit the bill to the Science and Technology Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to cap authorized funding for the Technology Innovation Program at the previous year’s appropriated level if the federal government had an on-budget deficit and an off-budget surplus in the previous fiscal year.

**YES Failed 190-216**  
**>301 5/03/07 H.R. 1868** Authorizing \$2.5 billion in FY2008 through 2010 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology. It eliminates the Advanced Technology Program and replaces it with an initiative called the Tech-

nology Innovation Program, which will assist private businesses, institutions of higher education and nonprofit groups in conducting high-risk development of technologies with potentially large benefits to the national economy.

**YES Passed 385-23**  
**>302 5/07/07 H.R. 407** Directing the Interior Department to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the states of Washington and Oregon. **YES Passed\* 294-80**

**>303 5/07/07 H.R. 1025** Authorizing the Interior Department to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increasing the capacity of water storage, and improving water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin in Kansas and Nebraska. **YES Passed\* 370-1**

**>304 5/07/07 H. Res. 371** Recognizing national physical education and sports week, from May 1-7, and the central role of physical activity and sports in creating a healthful lifestyle for all children and youth. **YES Passed\* 373-0**

**>307 5/08/07 S. Con. Res. 21** Allowing up to \$955.8 billion in discretionary spending for FY2008, plus \$145.2 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It assumes \$503.8 billion for defense discretionary spending, not counting the \$145.2 billion war set-aside. Non-defense discretionary spending is \$451.1 billion, plus an additional \$2 billion in advanced FY2009 funding. It creates 12 reserve funds, each with a specific purpose, to allow for increases in spending or changes in tax policy, provided the increase was offset. It provides for a reconciliation bill and directs the Education and Labor Committee to find a total of \$75 million in mandatory spending cuts in FY2007 through 2012 and allows an automatic increase of the national debt limit of \$850 billion.

**NO Passed 212-207**  
**>308 5/08/07 S. Con. Res. 21** Motion to instruct conferees to include language that rejects the revenue levels set in the House budget resolution, insists on the lowest revenue level in FY2011 and 2012 within the scope of the conference, and agrees on a surplus in FY2012 that would accommodate an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and not use cash surpluses in the Social Security trust funds to finance other government programs.

**YES Passed 364-57**  
**>309 5/08/07 H.R. 1595** Directing the U.S. Treasury Department to make payments to those citizens of Guam or survivors of those who were killed, injured, raped, forced into labor or interned during WWII and the Japanese occupation.

**NO Passed\* 288-133**  
**>313 5/09/07 H.R. 890** Setting restrictions on the relationship between educational institutions and lending companies that offer private loans to students. It requires schools to adopt codes of conduct governing their relationships with private lenders, barring revenue-sharing between lenders and schools, and prohibiting financial aid officers from serving on lender advisory boards.

**YES Passed\* 414-3**  
**>315 5/09/07 H.R. 1684** An amendment to strike a provision that bars the use of funds by the department to procure uniforms, protective gear, badges or identification cards if the items are manufactured outside of the United States.

**NO Failed 36-390**  
**>316 5/09/07 H.R. 1684** An amendment to make many technical and substantive changes to the bill, including striking provisions that authorize \$1.6 billion for the Secret Service, establishing new criminal penalties for maritime smuggling of illegal immigrants and requiring contractors to certify to the department whether they are delin-

quent in their federal taxes. It adds language to require the integration of two registered traveler programs and requires a Government Accountability Office report on law enforcement retirement systems. **NO Passed 212-209**

**>317 5/09/07 H.R. 1684** Motion to recommit the bill to the Homeland Security Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that allows the Homeland Security Department secretary to authorize the Automated Targeting System to be deployed at the border. The system would collect information to perform risk assessments of people entering the United States.

**YES Passed 264-160**  
**>318 5/09/07 H.R. 1684** Authorizing \$39.9 billion in FY2008 for the Department of Homeland Security. It authorizes \$300 million between FY2008 and 2010 for grants to states to prevent terrorists or other individuals from fraudulently obtaining and using state-issued identification cards, as well as for developing more secure documents for issuance by the states. The bill requires the department to conduct a comprehensive homeland security review. It eliminates the department’s authority to establish a unique personnel management system.

**NO Passed 296-126**  
**>319 5/10/07 H.R. 1873** An amendment to exempt general contracts of less than \$1.5 million from bill provisions that would require more detailed analysis of bundled contracts and their impact on small businesses as well as taxpayer savings. **YES Passed 423-0**

**>320 5/10/07 H.R. 1873** An amendment to extend the bill’s small-business contracting goals to overseas contracts. **NO Passed 398-29**

**>321 5/10/07 H.R. 1873** An amendment to raise the annual government wide small business procurement goal to 30 percent of prime contracts from 25 percent. **NO Passed 371-55**

**>322 5/10/07 H.R. 1873** Motion to recommit the bill to the Small Business Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to consider as economically disadvantaged any small businesses that can demonstrate that they are adversely affected by expiring tax incentives. **YES Failed 209-216**

**>323 5/10/07 H.R. 1873** Increasing the federal government’s small-business procurement goal to 30 percent from 23 percent under current law, and increasing the goal for procurement for minority- and women-owned businesses to 8 percent from 5 percent. It limits the ability of federal agencies to bundle small projects into large contracts. The bill requires the Small Business Administration to take steps to reduce erroneous entries in the government’s contractor registry.

**YES Passed 409-13**  
**>329 5/10/07 H.R. 2237** Motion to recommit the bill to the Armed Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language stating that a determination to withdraw or redeploy troops should be based on a number of factors including protection of members of the U.S. armed forces, the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Embassy.

**YES Failed 210-218**  
**>330 5/10/07 H.R. 2237** Requiring the withdrawal of U.S. troops and Defense Department contractors from Iraq within 90 days of the bill’s enactment. The withdrawal would be complete within 180 days. The bill would prohibit the Defense Department from increasing the number of U.S. troops serving in Iraq beyond the number serving there as of Jan. 1, 2007, without a specific congressional authorization.

**NO Failed 171-255**  
**>332 5/10/07 H.R. 2206** Motion to recommit the bill to the Armed Services Committee with

instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that allows the Homeland Security Department secretary to authorize the Automated Targeting System to be deployed at the border. The system would collect information to perform risk assessments of people entering the United States.

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instructions to report it back immediately after deleting the section requiring a second vote to release part of the funds after the president reports to Congress on the Iraqi government's progress in meeting benchmarks. **YES Failed 195-229**

> **333 5/10/07 H.R. 2206** Providing \$42.8 billion in FY2007 emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and requiring another congressional vote in late July to release the remaining \$52.8 billion. The president will have to report by July 13 on the Iraqi government's progress toward meeting certain benchmarks. Congress will have to adopt a joint resolution releasing the "fenced off" funds. The bill also provides \$6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, \$3.3 billion for military health care costs, and \$2.25 billion for homeland security programs. It raises the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour over two years and provide \$4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. **NO Passed 221-205**

> **336 5/10/07 H.R. 2207** Providing \$4.5 billion in FY2007 emergency spending, including \$1.8 billion in crop disaster assistance and \$1.5 billion in livestock assistance, as well as \$500 million for wildfire management and suppression. The bill requires a deadline for military operations in Iraq. **NO Passed 302-120**

> **337 5/10/07 H.R. 2082** An amendment to strike the bill's requirement that a national intelligence estimate on global climate change be submitted to Congress. **YES Failed 185-230**

> **338 5/10/07 H.R. 2082** An amendment to limit the number of personnel in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to the number serving in the office on May 1, 2007. **YES Passed 297-122**

> **339 5/10/07 H.R. 2082** An amendment that states the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is the exclusive means by which domestic electronic surveillance for the purpose of gathering foreign intelligence information may be conducted. **NO Passed 245-178**

> **341 5/10/07 H.R. 2082** Authorizing classified amounts in FY2008 for U.S. intelligence activities and agencies including the CIA, the National Security Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency. It requires that a national intelligence estimate on global climate change be submitted to Congress. **NO Passed 225-197**

> **342 5/14/07 H.R. 1124** Reauthorizing the District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant Program in FY2008 through 2012. **YES Passed\* 268-100**

> **343 5/14/07 H. Res. 223** Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, recognized on September 25th. **YES Passed\* 369-0**

> **344 5/14/07 H. Res. 385** Encouraging all citizens to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni and acknowledging the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps members, alumni and community partners. **YES Passed\* 346-21**

> **345 5/15/07 H.R. 634** Directing the Treasury Department to mint and issue in 2010 no more than 350,000 \$1 coins in commemoration of disabled American veterans. The bill imposes a \$10 surcharge per coin for the purpose of establishing an endowment to support the construction of a disabled veterans memorial in Washington. **YES Passed\* 416-0**

> **346 5/15/07 H.R. 692** Permitting the governor of a state, territory or possession, or the mayor of the District of Columbia to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff after the death of a local active-duty member of the military. **YES Passed\* 408-4**

> **347 5/15/07 H.R. 916** Authorizing \$150 million in FY2008 through 2013 for a new Justice Department program to help attorneys who are prosecutors and public defenders pay back student loans. **NO Passed\* 341-73**

> **348 5/15/07 H.R. 1700** Authorizing \$6.9 billion in FY2008 through 2013 for the Community Oriented Policing Services program. It adds a number of new policing activities, including programs to reduce the distribution and abuse of illegal drugs, for which the program could award grants. **YES Passed\* 381-34**

> **349 5/16/07 H.R. 1773** Limiting the authority of the Transportation Department to allow Mexican motor carriers to operate beyond the 20- to 25-mile commercial zone along the U.S.-Mexican border. The authority is limited to a pilot program lasting no more than three years, with participation limited to 100 motor carriers and 1,000 vehicles. **YES Passed\* 411-3**

> **364 5/16/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to prohibit funds authorized for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan from being used to plan a contingency operation in Iran. **NO Failed 202-216**

> **365 5/16/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to clarify that no previously enacted law authorizes military action against Iran. It prohibits the use of funds authorized in the bill or in any other act to take military action against Iran without specific congressional authorization unless there is a national emergency created by an attack by Iran on the United States, its territories or possessions or its armed forces. **NO Failed 136-288**

> **366 5/16/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to require the Defense Department to issue a re-

port on the continued use, need, relevance and cost of weapons systems designed to fight the Cold War and the former Soviet Union. **NO Failed 119-303**

Bay, Cuba to locations in the United States. **NO Passed 220-208**

> **371 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to require the videotaping of interrogations and other pertinent interactions between military personnel and/or contractors and detainees who are arrested and held. It directs the Judge Advocates General of the respective military services to develop uniform guidelines for such videotaping. **NO Failed 199-229**

> **372 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** Motion to recommend the bill to the Armed Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to expand the ballistic missile defense system with Israel. It would instruct the Defense secretary, within 180 days of enactment, to report to Congress about the system and would authorize \$205 million for the system, offset by a reduction in the bill's amounts for procurement and research, development, testing and evaluation areas, other than missile defense. **YES Passed 394-30**

> **373 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** Authorizing \$648.6 billion for defense programs in FY2008, including \$141.6 billion in emergency spending for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill authorizes \$102.7 billion for weapons procurement, \$142.5 billion for operations and maintenance, \$115.4 billion for personnel, \$21.2 billion for military construction and family housing and \$22.5 billion for defense health-care programs. It authorizes \$8.1 billion for the Missile Defense Agency and a 3.5 percent pay increase for military personnel. **YES Passed 397-27**

> **377 5/17/07 S. Con. Res. 21** Allowing up to \$954.1 billion in discretionary spending for

ly, federal government income has climbed by \$785 billion since the 2003 tax cuts — a record unequalled in American tax history.

Rather than diminishing revenues that fund federal government programs, the 2003 cuts in taxes on capital gains, income and dividends unleashed the market place, sparking a 45 percent growth in individual income tax receipts over four years. The CBO report says the wealthiest taxpayers accounted for most of the tax increases.

The 110th Congress proposed a \$185 billion increase in federal spending, more than twice the growth in the economy, which could put in jeopardy these four strait years of deficit reductions.

FY2008, plus \$145.2 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The discretionary total includes \$503.8 billion for defense, not counting the war money. Non-defense programs will get \$450.8 billion, plus \$2 billion in advanced FY2009 funding. The resolution assumes 1.8 trillion in mandatory outlays, and includes reconciliation instructions to cut \$750 million from mandatory programs in 2007 through 2012. It reinstates pay-as-you-go rules in the Senate and establishes a trigger mechanism in the House that blocks any tax cuts if a projected FY2012 surplus does not materialize. **NO Passed 214-209**

> **378 5/17/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to strike the bill's provision creating an affordable housing fund. **YES Failed 148-269**

> **379 5/17/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to suspend Fannie Mae's or Freddie Mac's contribution to the affordable housing fund if the payments contributed to an increase in mortgage costs. **YES Failed 164-253**

> **380 5/17/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to require the Government Accountability Office

to study the effects the affordable housing fund would have on the availability and affordability of credit for homebuyers, and the extent to which the costs are passed on to homebuyers. **YES Failed 176-240**

> **381 5/17/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to provide for five presidential appointees to the boards of directors of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establish a range of seven to 15 directors for the size of the boards. **NO Failed 154-263**

> **382 5/17/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to prohibit the amount of money required to be allocated to the affordable housing fund from exceeding the amount allocated in the preceding year if in the previous fiscal year the federal government had an "actual on-budget deficit" and an "actual off-budget surplus." **YES Failed 173-245**

> **383 5/17/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to create new portfolio guidelines for government-sponsored enterprises that meet their mission of providing for and promoting affordable housing. The guidelines would require the enterprises to hold mortgages and mortgage-backed securities that exclusively support affordable housing, in particular mortgages extended to medium-income households. **NO Failed 92-322**

> **384 5/21/07 H.R. 698** Prohibiting companies that derive 15 percent or more of their revenues from non-financial activities from applying for an Industrial Loan Company charter. It pre-empts laws in seven states that issue charters for industrial banks controlled by commercial firms. **YES Passed\* 371-16**

> **385 5/21/07 H.R. 1425** Designating a post office in Odessa, Texas, for Marvin "Rex" Young, a staff sergeant in the Vietnam War. **YES Passed\* 385-0**

> **386 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to specify that the bill's affordable housing fund be used in 2007 to provide housing assistance for areas affected by hurricanes Katrina or Rita and after 2007 to provide rental housing assistance for disabled homeless veterans. **YES Failed 174-246**

> **387 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to require all owners or renters of housing built with affordable housing fund money to establish their legal residency through the use of secure forms of identification. **YES Passed 235-188**

> **388 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to require the Federal Housing Finance Agency to inform mortgage lenders about any added mortgage costs to consumers associated with the new affordable housing fund. Lenders would need to provide written information to homebuyers by closing to qualify their mortgages for purchase, holding, lending of or selling by the government-sponsored enterprises. **YES Failed 183-240**

> **389 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to make the following allocations from the affordable housing fund in the first year: 70 percent to Louisiana, 20 percent to Mississippi and 10 percent to Texas. **YES Failed 163-260**

> **390 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to specify that a government sponsored enterprise would only be required to allocate money to the affordable housing fund if the director of the new Federal Housing Finance Agency determines that the allocation would not contribute to the enterprise's financial instability, impair its safety and soundness, cause undercapitalization, prevent the completion of a capital restoration plan, or result in increased costs to borrowers under residential mortgages. **YES Failed 180-243**

> **391 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to prohibit Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Fed-

## Deficit Continues to Shrink

In spite of a weak housing market, the fiscal year 2007 federal deficit declined for a fourth consecutive year by another 35% to \$163 billion, according to a recent non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report.

"With four consecutive years of reduced budget deficits, we have undeniable proof that we can balance the budget without raising taxes," said Blunt. "We are well on our way to being back in the black — and we are doing it in a manner that doesn't saddle hard-working Americans with a greater tax burden."

Part of the reason for the reduction in the deficit is that Americans sent a record \$2.568 trillion in taxes (a 6.7% increase) to Washington in 2007 and tax rates were not increased. Amazing-

port on the continued use, need, relevance and cost of weapons systems designed to fight the Cold War and the former Soviet Union. **NO Failed 119-303**

> **367 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to reduce the bill's authorization for Missile Defense Agency activities by \$1.1 billion. **NO Failed 127-299**

> **368 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to increase the bill's authorization for Missile Defense Agency activities by \$764 million. **YES Failed 199-226**

> **369 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to clarify that the bill's prohibition on the establishment of permanent military bases in Iraq should not be construed to prohibit the United States from establishing a temporary military base or installation by entering into a basing rights agreement with Iraq. **YES Failed 201-219**

> **370 5/17/07 H.R. 1585** An amendment to require the Defense secretary to submit a report that contains a plan for the transfer of all individuals presently detained at Guantanamo



eral Home Loan Banks from obtaining primary residential mortgages that were granted to an individual who does not have a valid Social Security number. **YES Passed 217-205**

> **392 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to strike the provision that allows for the transfer of money from the affordable housing fund to an affordable housing trust fund, if such a trust is created by Congress in the future. **YES Failed 155-263**

> **393 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment that would cap the affordable housing fund at the lesser of 1.2 basis points of the average total mortgage portfolio for the prior year or \$520 million. The Federal Housing Finance Agency would be allowed to set a lesser amount if the agency determines that a higher amount poses a safety and soundness concern. **YES Failed 164-256**

> **394 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** An amendment to clarify that the Federal Housing Finance Agency's authority would be limited to the oversight of government-sponsored enterprises' safety and soundness and that the agency would not have oversight of the enterprises' portfolio risk to the overall U.S. economy. **YES Passed 383-36**

> **395 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to define the purpose of the affordable housing fund as providing funds to offset the cost of subsequent legislation to continue or expand opportunities for affordable home ownership. **YES Failed 182-232**

> **396 5/22/07 H.R. 1427** Creating an independent Federal Housing Finance Agency to regulate Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks. The bill allows the new agency to put the three entities into conservatorship or receivership in the event of a financial crisis. It creates a new federal housing fund to assist in the provision of affordable housing. It requires Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to contribute 1.2 basis points of their total mortgage portfolio to the fund. **NO Passed 313-104**

> **397 5/22/07 S. 214** Allowing the U.S. attorney general to appoint interim U.S. attorneys for a period of no more than 120 days in the event of a vacancy. If the Senate has not confirmed a new attorney by that time, the district court with the vacancy will be required to appoint an interim U.S. attorney to serve until a replacement receives Senate confirmation. **NO Passed\* 306-114**

> **398 5/22/07 H.R. 2264** Subjecting foreign oil producers to U.S. antitrust laws and allowing the Justice Department to sue members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries for setting production quotas to manage global oil prices. **NO Passed\* 345-72**

> **399 5/22/07 S. 1104** Permitting up to 500 Iraqis or Afghans who have worked for the U.S. military as translators to be eligible for admittance into the United States. The increase will be in effect for the next two years. **YES Passed\* 412-8**

> **400 5/22/07 H.R. 2399** Increasing penalties for knowingly bringing an illegal immigrant in to the country or harboring an illegal immigrant and creating new penalties for vessels in U.S. jurisdiction that fail to comply with law enforcement officers. **YES Passed\* 412-0**

> **401 5/22/07 H.R. 1722** Designating a post office in Boca Raton, Fla., for Leonard W. Herman, a decorated World War II veteran. **YES Passed\* 417-0**

> **402 5/22/07 H. Res. 428** Motion to table the privileged resolution that would denote that Rep-

resentative John Murtha is guilty of a violation of the Code of Official Conduct and merits the reprimand of the House. **NO Passed 219-189**

> **404 5/23/07 H.R. 1252** Authorizing criminal penalties against gasoline retailers whenever the FTC determines prices are excessive. **NO Passed\* 284-141**

> **405 5/23/07 H.R. 2429** Waiving the current 60-day limit on Medicare reimbursements to doctors who take patients on behalf of other doctors who are deployed through the National Guard or reserves. **YES Passed\* 422-0**

> **408 5/23/07 H.R. 1100** Motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to prevent the Interior secretary from using eminent domain to acquire land or water or interests in land or water under the bill. **YES Failed 192-228**

> **409 5/23/07 H.R. 1100** Permitting the Interior Department to acquire, through purchase or donation, up to 110 acres of land adjacent to the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in North Carolina. It allows the department to acquire an additional five acres of land to be used for a new visitor center and parking lot in the vicinity of the Sandburg home. **NO Passed 268-150**

> **410 5/23/07 H.R. 67** Establishing a Veterans Affairs Department (VA) program to provide assistance to states for outreach to veterans and their families. The outreach will inform veterans about benefits and programs they are eligible for, and assist them in applying for them. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **411 5/23/07 H.R. 612** Extending from two years to five years the eligibility period for veterans to receive VA hospital care, medical services or nursing home care after their discharge or release. The bill applies to veterans who served in combat during or after the 1991 Gulf War. **YES Passed\* 419-0**

> **412 5/23/07 H.R. 1470** Requiring that chiropractic care be available at no fewer than 75 veterans' medical centers by Dec. 31, 2009, and at all veterans medical centers by Dec. 31, 2011. **YES Passed\* 421-1**

> **413 5/23/07 H.R. 2199** Authorizing new research centers for traumatic brain injuries and requiring the establishment of a comprehensive program to treat traumatic brain injuries at VA health centers. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **414 5/23/07 H.R. 2239** Extending eligibility for VA vocational rehabilitation benefits to current members of the armed forces who are hospitalized or are receiving outpatient medical care. The eligibility applies to those who have a disability of at least 10 percent incurred or aggravated while on active duty and who are likely to be discharged from the service due to that disability. **YES Passed\* 414-0**

> **419 5/24/07 H.R. 2317** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would require multi-candidate political action committees to disclose bundled contributions to candidates. **YES Passed 228-192**

> **420 5/24/07 H.R. 2317** Requiring registered lobbyists to provide quarterly reports to the House clerk and secretary of the Senate regarding "bundled" contributions totaling more than \$5,000 in a quarter that they forward to federal candidates, leadership political action committees or political party committees. The reports have to include the name of the lobbyist, the name of his or her employer and the name of the contribution recipient, as well as the amount of the contributions. **YES Passed 382-37**

> **421 5/24/07 H.R. 2316** An amendment to exclusively restrict military officers and not civilians or elected officials from taking jobs in the private sector. **NO Failed 152-271**

> **423 5/24/07 H.R. 2316** Requiring lobbyists to file quarterly electronic reports that would be available to the public. Lobbyists and their employers have to certify they have not provided, requested or directed any gift, including travel, to a member of Congress, or an officer or employee of either chamber. It also amends House rules to prohibit a lobbyist whose spouse is a member from lobbying that member's office, and requires members and senior staff to disclose negotiations over future jobs to the ethics committee and requires that they recuse themselves from any related issues. **YES Passed 396-22**

> **424 5/24/07 H.R. 2206** Motion to concur in the Senate amendment, with an amendment. The House amendment appropriates \$22.2 billion in FY2007 emergency spending, including \$7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also provides \$3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, \$1.8 billion for veterans medical care, \$650 million for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, \$2.9 billion for hurricane relief, \$1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities and \$3 billion for agriculture disaster relief. It raises the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour over two years and provide \$4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. **YES Passed 348-73**

> **425 5/24/07 H.R. 2206** Motion to concur in the Senate amendment, with an amendment. The House amendment appropriates \$97.8 billion in FY2007 emergency spending, including \$87 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also provides \$3.4 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund. It establishes 18 "benchmarks" for the Iraqi government and requires the president to report on progress toward meeting the benchmarks. It permits, but not requires, the president to withhold reconstruction funds if the benchmarks were not met. **YES Passed 280-142**

> **426 6/5/07 H. Res. 397** Condemning recent acts of violence, vandalism and looting in Estonia, as well as attacks and threats against Estonian embassies and officials stationed in Russia. **YES Passed\* 412-0**

> **427 6/5/07 H. Res. 422** Calling on China to take steps to immediately suspend economic cooperation and investment in Sudan until the Sudanese government stops its attacks on civilians, complies with all U.N. Security Council resolutions related to Darfur and engages in good faith negotiations with Darfur rebel groups to achieve a sustainable negotiated peace agreement. **YES Passed\* 410-0**

> **428 6/5/07 H. Res. 430** Calling upon the Iranian government to immediately release Haleh Esfandiari, the director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and four other dual Iranian-Armenian citizens. **YES Passed\* 411-0**

> **429 6/5/07 H. Res. 451** Directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to empanel an investigative subcommittee within 30 days after a member is indicted or formally charged with criminal conduct. If a subcommittee is not empaneled, the committee will have to submit a report to Congress describing the reason why, along with an explanation of any actions the committee has taken regarding the allegations. **YES Passed\* 387-10**

> **430 6/5/07 H. Res. 452** Privileged resolution that directs the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate alleged illegal

conduct and House rules violations by Rep. William J. Jefferson, D-La., and report its findings and recommendations to the House, including whether Jefferson should be expelled from the House. **YES Passed 373-26**

> **432 6/6/07 H.R. 1716** Authorizing the Energy Department to transfer funds to the National Science Foundation for its program to support graduate education related to research, development and commercial applications of energy technology. **YES Passed\* 416-0**

> **433 6/6/07 H.R. 632** Authorizing a total of \$54 million from FY2008 through 2017 for the Energy Department to create a new program of competitive cash prizes for technological advances in the commercial use of hydrogen energy. The total includes \$4 million for administrative costs. **YES Passed\* 408-8**

> **434 6/6/07 H.R. 964** Prohibiting the use or installation of computer software known as "spyware" without the computer owner's consent. The bill allows the Federal Trade Commission rather than the Department of Transportation to seek civil penalties of up to \$3 million rather than criminal penalties for violations of the ban. **NO Passed\* 368-48**

> **435 6/6/07 H.R. 2446** Amendment to allow the secretary of State to make payments from the Rewards for Justice Program to officers or employees of the Afghan or Pakistani government who provide information leading to the capture of exceptional and high-profile terrorists committing acts in Afghanistan. **YES Passed 419-1**

> **436 6/6/07 H.R. 2446** An amendment to direct \$500,000 from the bill's authorization for the U.S. contribution to the Post-Operations Humanitarian Relief Fund, a fund operated by NATO's International Security Assistance Force. **NO Failed 159-260**

> **437 6/6/07 H.R. 2446** Motion to recommit the bill to the Foreign Affairs Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language about the U.S. policy toward Iran, listing specific congressional findings of Iranian weapons going to Afghanistan. **YES Passed 345-71**

> **438 6/6/07 H.R. 2446** Authorizing \$6.4 billion in aid to Afghanistan for programs including counter-narcotics efforts, assistance for women and girls, and funds for emergency energy resources. The total includes \$1.7 billion per year in FY2008 through 2010 for economic and development assistance. The bill authorizes the president to provide defense articles, military education and training services to Afghanistan and other countries that participate in military, peacekeeping or policing operations in Afghanistan. It authorizes a pilot program to encourage alternatives to poppy production for Afghan farmers. **YES Passed 406-10**

> **439 6/6/07 H.R. 2560** Prohibiting reproductive human cloning and the transporting human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology intended for human cloning. Violators would be subject to fines of up to \$10 million and up to 10 years in prison. **NO Failed 204-213**

> **442 6/7/07 S. 5** Motion to commit the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions that it be reported back without the provisions allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cells, but with language that would allow funding for research on "embryonic-like" cells. **YES Failed 180-242**

> **443 6/7/07 S. 5** Allowing for the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines derived from surplus embryos at in vitro fertilization clinics only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. **NO Passed 247-176**

> **446 6/7/07 H.R. 65** Motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to amend the 1956 Lumbee Act to allow the Lumbee Tribe to seek federal recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs administrative process. **YES Failed 152-237**

> **447 6/7/07 H.R. 65** Providing federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe in North Carolina and prohibiting them from running gambling businesses. It repeals a 1956 law that denied tribe members federal assistance based on their status as American Indians. It authorizes such sums as are needed to conduct activities relating to federal recognition and services and benefits for the tribe. **NO Passed 256-128**

> **448 6/11/07 H.R. 2356** Encouraging the display of the U.S. flag on Father's Day. **YES Passed\* 386-0**

> **449 6/11/07 S. 676** Allowing the U.S. executive director or the alternative executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank to serve on the board of directors for the Inter-American Foundation in one of the three slots reserved for government officials. **YES Passed\* 386-1**

> **450 6/11/07 H. Res. 418** Commending the Caribbean community for holding the Conference of the Caribbean and welcoming the delegation of Caribbean presidents, prime ministers and foreign ministers to Washington, D.C. **YES Passed\* 386-0**

> **452 6/12/07 H. Res. 474** Recognizing the contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children. **YES Passed\* 420-0**

> **453 6/12/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to add \$50 million for Urban Area Security Initiative grants, offset by reducing funds for the Office of the Secretary by \$15 million and the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by \$35 million. **NO Passed 244-174**

> **454 6/12/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$10 million. **YES Failed 201-221**

> **455 6/12/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to add \$10 million to the Analysis and Operations account, an increase in \$25 million from FY2007. The cost is offset by reducing funds for the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Undersecretary for Management. **YES Passed 218-205**

> **456 6/12/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce the amount provided for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$79,000. **YES Passed 379-45**

> **457 6/12/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce the amount appropriated for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$300,000. **YES Passed 381-41**

> **466 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to the Foxx Amendment to reduce the amount provided for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$9 million. The Foxx amendment would reduce the amount provided for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$1.2 million. **YES Failed 108-300**

> **467 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce the amount provided for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$1.2 million. **YES Passed 216-198**

> **468 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce the amount provided for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$138,000. **YES Passed 248-168**

> **469 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement salaries and expenses account by \$9 million, offset by reducing funding for the

Office of the Undersecretary for Management by \$10 million. **YES Passed 286-127**

> **470 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to increase funding for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office by \$40 million, an increase of \$121 million from FY2007. The cost will be offset by a reduction for the Office of Undersecretary for Management by \$35 million and Coast Guard research by \$5 million. **YES Passed 282-137**

> **471 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to increase funding the Customs and Border Protection fencing, infrastructure and technology account by \$89 million, offset by a reduction for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by the same amount. **YES Passed 241-179**

> **472 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to add \$15 million for the Transportation Security Administration's transportation threat assessment and credentialing, an increase of \$53 million from FY2007. The cost will be offset by a reduction for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by the same amount. **YES Passed 251-171**

> **473 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to increase buffer-zone protection grants by \$50 million, offset by a reduction for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by the same amount. **YES Passed 239-183**

> **474 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to add \$30 million for Citizenship and Immigration Services, offset by a reduction to the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by the same amount. **YES Failed 207-214**

> **475 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to add \$125 million for Customs and Border Protection salary and expenses, offset by a reduction for the Transportation Security Administration's aviation security direction and enforcement by the same amount. **YES Failed 96-327**

> **476 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to strike a number of requirements and conditions regarding border security fencing, infrastructure and technology. It would eliminate language barring the use of funds for fencing on certain federal lands unless the decision to locate the fencing has been coordinated with the relevant federal agency and the department makes every effort to minimize the impact on wildlife and natural resources. It would eliminate language barring the use of funds unless there has been formal consultation with affected state and local communities to solicit their advice and support. **YES Failed 190-223**

> **477 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to strike a provision preventing the obligation of funds for procurement of additional unmanned aerial vehicles until Customs and Border Protection certifies to the House and Senate Appropriations committees that they are a higher priority and more cost effective than other items in the Air and Marine Recapitalization and Modernization Plan. **YES Failed 192-232**

> **478 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce by \$5 million, then increase by the same amount, Immigration and Customs Enforcement salaries and expenses. The funding is intended to promote the use of the Employment Eligibility Verification basic pilot program. **YES Passed 228-195**

> **479 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to add \$150 million for grants to assist states to meet requirements under a 2005 law for secure driver's licenses and identification cards, offset by a reduction for the Coast Guard Deepwater ship and aircraft modernization program by the same amount. **YES Failed 155-268**

> **480 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to strike a provision that would prohibit the obligation of funds, until all pending litigation and

claims filed by either party are resolved, for the development, testing, deployment or operation of systems relating to the MaxHR personnel management system or any related human resources system. **YES Failed 184-238**

> **481 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds to recruit or hire more than 45,000 full-time equivalent airport screeners. **YES Failed 168-255**

> **482 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds to implement a plan that would allow U.S. entry from a foreign country using a document other than a passport to prove citizenship or identity under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The amendment would require that travelers show a passport in order to meet the requirements. **NO Failed 89-331**

> **483 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds to implement before June 1, 2009, the travel document requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. **YES Passed 379-45**

> **484 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds to carry out the visa waiver program, through which travelers from certain countries can enter the United States for up to 90 days without obtaining a visa. **NO Failed 76-347**

> **485 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds to assist state or local governments that refuse to share information with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement on an individual's citizenship or immigration status. **YES Passed 234-189**

> **486 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds for Customs and Border Protection fencing, infrastructure or technology for anything but a minimum of two layers of reinforced fencing and roads for a border fence along the U.S.-Mexico border. **YES Failed 149-272**

> **487 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Homeland Security Department to extend the designation for temporary protective status for any country beyond the original time period to which the designation applies. **YES Failed 123-298**

> **488 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to strike a provision that would bar the use of funds on grants or contracts for projects that fail to comply with the Davis-Bacon law, which requires contractors for projects that receive federal funds to pay the prevailing local wages and benefits to employees. **YES Failed 145-277**

> **489 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** An amendment to reduce the bill's discretionary spending by 5.7 percent, from \$36.3 billion to \$34.2 billion. **YES Failed 178-243**

> **490 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to provide funds necessary for the construction of at least two layers of reinforced fencing, the installation of additional physical barriers, roads, lighting, cameras and sensors along the U.S.-Mexico border. **YES Failed 200-217**

> **491 6/15/07 H.R. 2638** Providing \$37.4 billion in FY2008 for the Homeland Security Department and related activities, an increase of \$5.5 billion from FY2007. The bill includes \$8.8 billion for customs and border protection; \$6.6 billion for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), including fees; \$8.4 billion for the Coast Guard; \$1.4 billion for the Secret Service and \$7.1 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It expands the number of federal airport screeners beyond last

year's capped total of 45,000 and prohibits the federal government from pre-empting stricter state and local chemical security laws and regulations. The measure requires TSA to double the amount of cargo that it screens in FY2008. **NO Passed 268-150**

> **492 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** An amendment to add \$30 million for the 2005 military base closure account, offset by a reduction for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program by the same amount. **YES Failed 110-304**

> **493 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** An amendment to increase funding for the clean-up of closed military bases by adding \$50 million for the 1990 base closure account. It also would reduce funding for 2005 base-closures by \$201 million. **NO Failed 68-347**

> **494 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** An amendment to add \$22 million for veterans' medical services. It also would reduce by \$50 million funding for the 1990 military base closure account. **YES Failed 154-260**

> **495 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** An amendment to add \$120 million for veterans' travel expenses related to medical services, offset by a reduction for the Veterans Affairs Department general operating expenses by the same amount. **YES Passed 264-152**

> **496 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** An amendment to add \$10 million for Veterans' Affairs Department (VA) grants to states for the construction of extended-care facilities, offset by a reduction for VA general operating expenses by the same amount. **YES Failed 206-211**

> **497 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** An amendment to bar the use of funds to expand the Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado, including condemnation of private property or the exercise of eminent domain. **YES Passed 383-34**

> **498 6/15/07 H.R. 2642** Providing \$109.2 billion in FY2008 for the Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill provides \$87.7 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, including \$37.1 billion for veteran's health programs. It provides \$41.2 billion in mandatory spending for veterans' service-connected compensation benefits and pensions. The bill provides \$9.7 billion for military construction, \$2.9 billion for military family housing and \$8.2 billion for the latest round of base closures. **YES Passed 409-2**

> **499 6/18/07 H.R. 2563** Designating a post office in Marshalltown, Iowa, for Scott Niseley, a member of the Army National Guard who was killed in Iraq on Sept. 30, 2006. **YES Passed\* 386-0**

> **500 6/18/07 H. Con. Res. 151** Encouraging President Bush to offer assistance to Russian President Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials to help identify and bring to justice those responsible for unsolved murders of journalists in Russia in the past decade. **YES Passed\* 388-1**

> **501 6/19/07 H. Res. 233** Recognizing over 200 years of Liechtenstein's sovereignty and expressing support for the continued strengthening of the U.S. relationship with Liechtenstein. **YES Passed\* 389-0**

> **502 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for Army Corps of Engineers investigations by \$30 million. **YES Failed 84-341**

> **503 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for Army Corps of Engineers construction by \$481 million. **YES Failed 76-351**

> **504 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for the Army Corps of Engineers' Mississippi River and tributaries project by \$18 million. **YES Failed 111-315**

> **505 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to

reduce funding for Army Corps of Engineers operation and maintenance by \$184 million. **YES Failed 77-350**

> **506 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to strike a provision that bars the use of funds for administrative regulations or policies, including public-private competitions, for Army Corps of Engineers projects. **YES Failed 164-259**

> **507 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for the Bureau of Reclamation's water projects account by \$55 million. **YES Failed 121-305**

> **508 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce the Bureau of Reclamation policy and administration account by \$1.2 million. **YES Failed 151-274**

> **509 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs by \$102 million. **YES Failed 107-320**

> **510 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to transfer \$20 million within the Energy Department's nuclear energy account from a long-term research and development fund to a fund that encourages near-term nuclear power development. **YES Failed 158-269**

> **511 6/19/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for fossil fuels research and development by \$142 million. **YES Failed 123-303**

> **512 6/20/07 H.R. 923** Directing the attorney general to designate a deputy chief in the Criminal Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to coordinate investigations and prosecutions of civil rights murder cases that occurred before 1970. It authorizes \$10 million a year for 10 years to assist the effort. **YES Passed\* 422-2**

> **513 6/20/07 H. Con. Res. 21** Calling on the U.N. Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Genocide Convention. It calls on the Security Council and U.N. member states to consider ways to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and reaffirming the partnership between the United States and Israel. **YES Passed\* 411-2**

> **514 6/20/07 H.R. 2359** Enhancing the ability of the Small Business Administration to help small business owners gain the technical expertise associated with starting and running a successful business. **YES Passed\* 405-18**

> **515 6/20/07 H.R. 2284** Creating a grant program administered by the Small Business Administration's Small Business Development Centers to provide services to assist with outreach and development of small-business startups and expansions owned by Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. **YES Passed\* 351-73**

> **516 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site by \$202 million. **NO Failed 80-351**

> **518 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to increase funding for the National Nuclear Security Administration's weapons activities by \$192 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the NNSA's administration account. **YES Failed 121-312**

> **519 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to strike a provision that appropriates \$35 million for the Appalachian Regional Commission. **YES Failed 133-298**

> **520 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 166-267**

> **521 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review the ap-

plication for the Broadwater Energy proposal. **YES Failed 146-285**

> **522 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce the appropriations by \$1.3 billion. **YES Failed 129-301**

> **523 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds to breach or remove hydro-power dams. **YES Failed 157-274**

> **524 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 158-275**

> **525 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to reduce the appropriations by \$1.1 billion. **YES Failed 138-295**

> **526 6/20/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Energy Department to designate any geographic area as a "national interest electric transmission corridor." It would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from using funds to process permits for electricity transmissions in any area so designated. **NO Failed 174-257**

> **527 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to increase funding for the Department of State's Economic Support Fund for Cuba democracy programs by \$37 million, offset by a reduction for the department's Administration of Foreign Affairs account. **YES Passed 254-170**

> **528 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to add \$158 million for assistance to Iraq to be used for clearing land mines and counterterrorism activities, human rights training for the Iraqi military and reconciliation and rule of law programs. It would be offset by a reduction of the same amount from the State Department's diplomatic and consular programs. **YES Failed 205-219**

> **529 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to add \$1 million for the United States Institute of Peace to re-establish the Iraq Study Group, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the State Department's diplomatic and consular programs. **YES Passed 355-69**

> **530 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to increase by \$20 million funding for non-proliferation and anti-terrorism activities and for clearing land mines, offset by a reduction for the same amount from U.S. contributions to the United Nations. **YES Failed 192-232**

> **531 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to reduce funding for contributions to international organizations by \$203 million. **YES Failed 137-287**

> **532 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to strike a provision within the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative account eliminating an abstinence education funding mandate of 33 percent for FY2006-08. **YES Failed 200-226**

> **533 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to clarify that no contract or grant to provide donated contraceptives in developing countries would be denied to any non-governmental organization solely on the basis of the Mexico City policy, which bars U.S. aid to international family planning organizations that perform or promote abortions, even if they use their own funds to do so. **NO Passed 223-201**

> **534 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to strike language added by the previous amendment. **YES Failed 205-218**

> **535 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to strike the bill's restrictions on \$200 million in military aid to Egypt. **NO Failed 74-343**

> **536 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to bar the use of funds to recruit and send students to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation at Fort Benning, Georgia. **NO Failed 203-214**

> **537 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to

reduce funding by \$3 billion. **YES Failed 152-268**  
> **538 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 168-252**

> **539 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 179-241**

> **540 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to prohibit direct aid to the Palestinian Authority. **YES Passed 390-30**

> **541 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** An amendment to bar the use of funds for travel by the Speaker of the House to countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism. **NO Failed 84-337**

> **542 6/21/07 H.R. 2764** Appropriating \$34.4 billion in FY2008 for foreign operations and economic assistance, including \$2.4 billion in assistance for Israel and \$1.7 billion for Egypt. It appropriates \$5.1 billion for programs to combat HIV/AIDS and related diseases as well as \$1.8 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation. It provides \$949 million for humanitarian relief efforts for Sudan. **NO Passed 241-178**

> **545 6/22/07 H.R. 2771** An amendment to reduce funding for the Government Printing Office congressional printing and binding account by \$3.2 million. **YES Passed 218-191**

> **546 6/22/07 H.R. 2771** An amendment to reduce funding by 4 percent. **YES Failed 177-231**

> **547 6/22/07 H.R. 2771** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would reduce funding for House office buildings by \$16 million. **YES Failed 181-217**

> **548 6/22/07 H.R. 2771** Appropriating \$3.1 billion in FY2008 for legislative branch operations, an increase of \$120 million from FY2007. It provides \$1.2 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, \$572.5 million for the Library of Congress, \$503 million for the Government Accountability Office, \$286 million for the Capitol Police and \$126 million for the Government Printing Office. It appropriates \$27.5 million for the Capitol Visitor Center. The bill provides \$3.9 million to implement the "Green the Capitol" initiative, including \$2.7 million for shifting from coal to natural gas for heating the Capitol building. **NO Passed 216-176**

> **551 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to increase funding by \$100 million for the Park Service's operations account. It reduces funding for the EPA's environmental programs and management by \$62 million and for Superfund cleanup activities by \$160 million. It reduces to \$1 million funds for the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. **YES Failed 156-274**

> **552 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to allow the Interior Department to issue new leases for offshore natural gas development in areas at least 25 miles from the U.S. coast. **YES Failed 196-233**

> **553 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to strike a provision prohibiting the Interior Department from using funds for new offshore oil and natural gas leases off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington, in the north Atlantic off the East Coast and in certain parts of the Gulf of Mexico. **YES Failed 167-264**

> **554 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to increase funding for the Agriculture Department's forest and rangeland research by \$13 million. It reduces funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$32 million. **YES Failed 156-270**

> **555 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to strike a section that expresses the sense of Con-

gress that there should be a comprehensive national program of "mandatory, market-based limits and incentives" to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in a way that would "not significantly harm" the U.S. economy and would encourage similar actions by other countries. **YES Failed 153-274**

> **556 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the EPA to develop or implement a proposed rule that would ease hazardous air pollution emissions standards for major source polluters as defined under the Clean Air Act. **NO Passed 252-178**

> **557 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for any activities to permit off-reservation tribal lands to be taken into trust by the Interior Department to authorize a casino on those lands. It would preclude funding for the processing of applications to establish new off-reservation casinos. **YES Failed 194-236**

> **558 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds to operate the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program. **YES Failed 172-258**

> **559 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the Clover Bend Historic Site in Arkansas. **NO Failed 98-331**

> **560 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the St. Joseph's College Theatre Renovation in Indiana. **NO Failed 97-328**

> **561 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the Maverick Concert Hall preservation in New York. **YES Failed 114-316**

> **562 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the Bremeron Public Library restoration in Washington. **NO Failed 98-333**

> **563 6/26/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds to plan, design, study or construct forest development roads in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska for harvesting timber by private entities or individuals. **NO Failed 283-145**

> **564 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to reduce funding for grants through the National Endowment for the Arts by \$32 million. **NO Failed 137-285**

> **565 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Wetzel County Courthouse in West Virginia. **NO Failed 104-323**

> **566 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for equipment for anadromous fish research. **YES Failed 97-330**

> **567 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the W.A. Young and Sons Foundry in Pennsylvania. **NO Failed 104-328**

> **568 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters to renovate a hall in Ohio. **NO Failed 66-364**

> **569 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for projects related to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Route. **YES Failed 86-343**

> **570 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to reduce funding by 4.3 percent. **YES Failed 150-281**

> **571 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 178-254**

> **572 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 193-238**

> **573 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for processing applications to import polar bears or polar bear parts. **NO Failed 188-242**

## Leake Family from Springfield Places Record 4th Daughter in Air Force Academy

Congressman Roy Blunt met with six of the seven students from Southwest Missouri who have started their higher education at one of the U.S. Service Academies this year. They are (left to right in the photo): Jason Boatwright, Webb City High School, West Point; Joel Gillquist, College Heights Christian School, Joplin, Naval Academy; Stephanie Mathews, Carthage High School, Naval Academy; Perri Leake, Glendale High School, Springfield, Air Force Academy; Jace Pennington, Kickapoo High School, Springfield, West Point; Joshua Monroe, Ozark High School, Air Force Academy. Kingsley Ehie, of Hillcrest High School in Springfield does not appear in the photo. He will attend West Point.

One of the new students, Perri Leake of Springfield, is the fourth sister from the Leake family to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The service academies began admitting women in 1976.

"This is a first for the Air Force Academy, and perhaps for all the service academies, to have four siblings from one family attending," Congressman Blunt said. "That is one family's unique accomplishment – but it's something our entire region can celebrate. John and Michele Leake should be proud of their daughters, as are we in Southwest Missouri."



Blair Leake, who graduated in May from the Air Force Academy as a "Distinguished Graduate" (ranked 18th in a class of 976) is doing her post-graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Meredith Leake will begin her third year at the Air Force Academy this summer. Victoria Leake, the first sister to attend the Academy, graduated in 2002 and remains in the Air Force. The girls' father, John Leake, is a 30-year Army officer who graduated from West Point where he later taught. He retired with the rank of

Colonel in 2005.

Landon Bell graduated from the Naval Academy with honors. Bell, a Carthage High School graduate, ranked 15th academically in his class of more than 900 midshipmen. He was awarded a full scholarship to pursue post graduate work at Harvard University.

The gathering of new students and upper-classmen offers students and their families the opportunity to start building relationships and establishing networks with other academy families in the area. The new students and their parents will meet other families who can share their experiences and give them advice on how best to approach the lifestyle that goes with attending a military academy.

## Successfully Navigating the Federal Government for the People of Southwest Missouri



It's the job of government officials in Washington to help their constituents

navigate the often complex, confusing and complicated federal government. This year, Congressman Roy Blunt has been working to solve the problems that the people of Southwest Missouri have had with Washington's bureaucracy—and he's had some success.

Before crafting legislation, members of Congress should work from the premise of first doing no harm; too often the American people find out that legislation crafted to help has unintended consequences.

For example, new rules for traveling outside the United States requiring residents to use a passport caused a glut of new applications, resulting in a doubling of the normal time it took to process requests. Naturally, people sought help from their representative in Congress – and, in the case of Congressman Blunt, more than 800 requests came in for help in just an eight week period. Remarkably, very few travelers missed their planned trips and vacations.

A Monett woman wrote, "Thank you so much for your assistance in helping to expedite our passports. We did receive them with only 24 hours to spare, but we have them nonetheless." A Springfield woman added, "I wanted to thank you for your work on my son's passport. It arrived via overnight mail last Saturday, and my son and his bride will be leaving for their honeymoon as scheduled." A third

passport applicant wrote, "Thank you for helping me get my passport in time for my mission trip with the Project Hope Team. It arrived two days before we were supposed to leave. Thanks for taking the time to help me."

When Congressman Blunt told the White House of the extraordinary passport delays, within 24 hours new rules were put in place allowing travelers to use birth certificates and application confirmation notices to avoid missing or delaying their trips abroad. With the short-term crisis addressed, all U.S. citizens traveling outside the United States as of October 1 are now required to present a valid passport to enter and depart the country.

When Lafayette House in Joplin was notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that its funding was to be reduced by \$34,000 for 2006, community leaders asked Congressman Blunt to intervene. Blunt's request led to a HUD review that found Lafayette House eligible to receive the \$63,000 it had requested. The money was restored, leading the executive director to write the following note to Blunt: "I know your intervention on our behalf was key to the quick, positive response from HUD. Thank you."

When checks to a GI Bill electrician apprenticeship program stopped, a local veteran from Rogersville turned to Congressman Blunt to learn why. With a paperwork problem identified and resolved, the \$6,600 in back pay was caught up. His wife wrote Congressman Blunt, "You helped resolve our issue in a timely and efficient manner. You've given

us a new outlook on seeing the government work for us, not against us."

Dr. Phil Wittmer sought Congressman Blunt's help in trying to get his two newly adopted children from Russia into the United States. Constituent Advocate Sue Ellen Ball contacted immigration officials to learn the status of the needed paper work and track its progress. After five months, Alexander and Katya (pictured with their Dad, and Constituent Advocate Ball) arrived in their new home in Springfield in April.

A Springfield woman asked for help when Medicare began charging her for Part B coverage she did not have. In about 30 days, Medicare responded to Congressman Blunt's inquiry with an apology – and an explanation that the mistake was a computer generated billing error.

When a Webb City woman received an IRS notice for more than \$1,400 in taxes, she turned to Congressman Blunt's office for assistance. Blunt's taxpayer advocate discovered the taxes were on a deferred compensation payment from her deceased husband's former workplace earned more than a decade ago. The IRS completed the proper forms and dismissed the tax notice.

A Joplin woman sought help from Congressman Blunt when her Medicare drug premiums changed. Even though she had become eligible for subsidized drug coverage, her insurance company continued to withhold monthly premiums from her Social Security check. Congressman Blunt's inquiry found Medicare had never forwarded her previous pay-



Sue Ellen Ball, Phil, Alexander & Katya Wittmer

ments to the insurance company. Because of Blunt's intervention, Social Security was able to continue her drug coverage.

A military reservist from Springfield was wounded during his third tour in Iraq in 2005. Because he was deployed in a New Jersey National Guard unit that was disbanded on its return from Iraq, his Purple Heart and Combat Action Badge never caught up to him. While he continued to receive medical care, Blunt's constituent advocate Jon Bledsoe's inquiry to the National Guard Bureau led to the soldier receiving the medals he earned in Iraq.

When a Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant's widow changed banks, two monthly pension checks did not follow. After multiple calls to the Office of Defense Finance without results, she requested assistance from Congressman Blunt. Within ten days, the matter was resolved, a lump sum payment was in her account.

A World War II Midway pilot sought help when his veterans' disability pay stopped. After repeated attempts to resolve the issue had failed, the veteran sought help from Congressman Blunt. In less than two weeks, a clerical error was discovered and corrected and the monthly disability checks resumed.

## Congressman Blunt & Senator Bond Applaud New Missouri National Guard Depot

Added Space Will Serve National Guard Helicopters in Fourteen States

Earlier this year, Congressman Roy Blunt joined Senator Kit Bond and National Guard Adj. General King Sidwell at a ground breaking for the new Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD). The first phase of a \$139.6 million dollar project will expand the capabilities of the AVCRAD building. The two lawmakers worked together to expedite the construction of the facility by two to four years.

"The present AVCRAD facility has a space shortage," said Congressman Blunt. "The new facility will be nearly four times larger. The larger building will give maintenance personnel the

space, equipment and environment to return helicopters back to service in less time."

The first phase of the project includes site preparation, utility extensions, storm water system, bulk storage, heated storage building, covered storage building, ground support equipment building, fuel dispensing system and service road.

Phase two will see the start of building construction.

The AVCRAD facility, located in Springfield, is one of only four aviation depots in the National Guard. The mission of the AVCRAD is to provide aviation repairs and support to a fourteen state region.



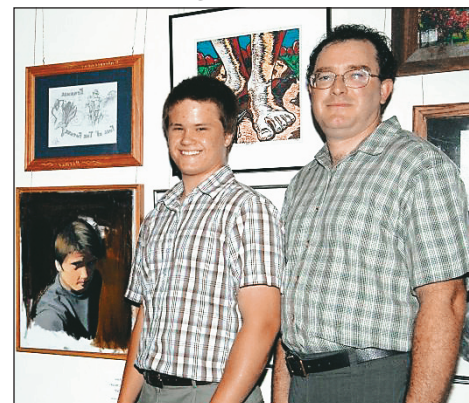
Missouri National Guard Adj. General King Sidwell at AVCRAD ground breaking in Springfield

## Winner of 2007 Congressional Art Competition Takes Painting to DC

Derek Kelly, a senior attending Springfield Central High School, saw his winning painting hung in the U.S. Capitol in June. Kelly took top honors in the 11th Annual Seventh Congressional District High School Art Competition hosted by Congressman Roy Blunt and held at the Springfield Art Museum. His self portrait in oil paint was judged as the best of a dozen works submitted. Blunt welcomed Derek and his father to the Capitol as his painting was hung in the hallway with other winners from around the nation.

Congressman Blunt said, "These gifted students were guided by the skills and inspiration of Southwest Missouri's best art instructors. I'm more than impressed by the level of artistic achievement our Southwest Missouri high school students produce."

Judges awarded honorable mentions to Brittany Mann, a junior from Nixa High School, for



Derek Kelly & Donald Nowack

her watercolor/gouache "Prevailing Genre," and Glendale High School senior Evan Grimes' magazine collage titled "Pieces of Evan."

## Blunt Leads Effort to Correct Inequity Facing Women Honored with the Purple Heart

Congressman Roy Blunt is leading a coalition of 28 cosponsors in the House introducing the Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007. The bill would correct an inequity in the Federal Charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Currently, women who join the Military Order of the Purple Heart – a federally chartered Veterans’ Service Organization – cannot invite their spouses to become Associate Members. The wives of the male members, however, are afforded this honor.

“Women who courageously fight for their nation and earn the Purple Heart deserve the same treatment as men who do the same thing for our country,” Congressman Blunt said. “With women giving their lives to protect our nation, now is the time to modernize this law and give women the respect they have earned working shoulder to shoulder with their male comrades in arms.”

Region II Commander for the Military Or-

der of the Purple Heart, Clayton Jones of Nixa said, “This is a legislative priority for the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the distinguished members for the 110th Congress. We understand what these women have been through as combat wounded veterans and they deserve better.”

There are an estimated 200 living veterans—all men – who have won the Purple Heart since World War II in Southwest Missouri. Only six-tenths of one-percent of all veterans receive the honor, and half of those receive the Purple Heart posthumously.



## Congressman Blunt Works for Safer Southwest Missouri Highways

Congressman Roy Blunt has been working in collaboration with state and local authorities to meet Southwest Missouri’s transportation needs. Blunt believes that state and local officials who live, work and raise their children in Missouri know best how to effectively use federal funding to spur economic growth, create safer highways and improve local infrastructure.

“I have long believed that local officials - not Washington bureaucrats - know best how to use federal funding to better our district,” said Blunt. “No where is this better illustrated than in a number of important Southwest Missouri highway improvements that I have fought for in Congress.”

Working with Senator Bond, Blunt has secured key federal funding to address highway safety issues throughout Southwest Missouri. Congressman Blunt has championed improvements in a number of road projects, including the four-lane Highway 71 in Newton and McDonald Counties (pictured above), the flyover ramps at I-44 and



65 Highway in Springfield, and the Range Line Bypass in Joplin.

The new quarter-billion dollar four-lane highway in Newton and McDonald Counties has cut fatality accidents by nearly two-thirds since its completion. To get the highway improvements moving, Blunt and Bond secured \$77 million in federal highway funding to kick-start the Highway 71 improvements.

“Local residents knew from the start that expanding Highway 71 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane highway would save lives, reduce accidents and enhance economic opportunities in the area. They were right on every count,” said Blunt.

First envisioned by Congressman Gene Taylor, the first \$30.5 million for improvements in the 42 miles of four-lane Highway 71 south of Interstate 44 was secured more than twenty years ago. The Highway 71 corridor, running from Kansas City to Arkansas, has been designated as the future Interstate 49.

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## The Ice Storm Dangers Lives On

The January 2007 ice storm that hit Southwest Missouri was the worst, most destructive natural disaster to impact our area in recent memory. It posed then, and still continues to pose, a danger and inconvenience to the thousands of Southwest Missourians who had to brave up to two weeks without heat or electricity.

Nearly 70 percent of Springfield City Utilities’ customers were left in the dark as a result of the storm. Ozark Electric Cooperative based in Mt. Vernon reported that 1,800 utility poles were snapped by the 2 to 4 inches of ice that covered power lines. Utility crews from around the nation poured into the Ozarks to help repair the utility infrastructure. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also reported for duty to reimburse communities for eligible expenses to help respond and recover from the disaster.

The unprecedented damage has been estimated at nearly \$140 million. FEMA will reimburse local utilities and governments more than \$100 mil-

lion with state and local governments picking up the rest. In Springfield alone, the tree damage was so severe it would cover a 40-acre field more than 50-feet deep. In fact, more than one-third of all reimbursements will be in Greene County.

The dangers of the storm will be with us for a long time to come. According to a study by the Missouri Department of Conservation, the forest throughout Southwest Missouri has 3.5 tons of wood and debris on the ground per acre under normal conditions. Following the ice storm there is ten times more wood on the ground that could be forest fire fuel. That is fuel for future forest fires or for unwanted infestations of bugs and diseases that could harm the damaged trees for years to come.



## Assistance to Firefighters Program Modernizes Rural Fire Protection

Year	Grants	Total Resources
2001	4	\$250,009
2002	17	\$724,890
2003	31	\$2,333,108
2004	29	\$1,976,947
2005	22	\$2,974,967
2006	28	\$4,884,985
2007	7	\$495,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>\$13,640,660</b>

Over the last six years, federal support to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) has covered 90 percent or more of the costs associated with purchasing 34 modern fire fighting vehicles and an assortment of much needed modern fire fighting equipment. Grants from the program have also been used to hire more than 15 firemen in three communities for five years and purchase six mobile training and education facilities.

“Firefighters from across our region have told me these grants have helped bring their depart-

ments into the 21st century,” said Blunt. “New pump engines with large water-carrying capacity and new gear have made our rural volunteer firemen safer, more effective firefighters and faster first-responders to any emergency that crops up.”

While many fire departments secure their financial support from local governments, some rural volunteer departments still rely on memberships, contributions and special events for funding. “Without AFGP many communities could not afford these improvements. With better equipment and more training comes faster response times, lower insurance costs and greater protection from threats to life and property,” Blunt concluded.



## Congressman Blunt Honors Neosho Police Officers

Congressman Roy Blunt honored officers whose quick action and leadership saved lives and ended a tragic shooting spree on August 12, by providing them with copies of his remarks in the Congressional Record. The Neosho shooting left three leaders of a Micronesian church congregation dead and several others wounded.

The Neosho shootings occurred during the early afternoon church services near downtown Neosho, with the first call for help coming at 1:54 p.m. Neosho Police Chief David McCracken, who was in charge at the scene, organized



a team of experienced officers from three different agencies trained in special weapons and tactics. “Newton County Sheriff Ken Copeland said the quick action of the SWAT team saved lives, and I don’t have any doubt that he’s right,” Blunt said.

Chief McCracken deserves special praise.

With shots still being heard inside the church, Chief McCracken acted without hesitation to lead the SWAT team in and bring to an end the armed threat, preventing the loss of additional life. The team (pictured left) led by Chief McCracken (blue shirt in front on the right) consisted of:

(Front row, left to right)

Newton County Sheriff’s Deputy Dale Brashers and Chief Deputy Chris Jennings; (back row) Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper “Corky” Burr, Neosho Police Officer Cameron Kruse, Newton County Sheriff’s Sgt. David Trimble and Neosho Police Cpl. Donn Hall.

Several of their colleagues are also worthy of mention. On March 16th of this year, Neosho City Police Sergeant Dan Cook (center, pictured right) tried to execute a routine traffic stop. Unfortunately, the driver had a handgun ready and opened fire as Cook approached the car. Although Cook was hit in the arm, he returned to his vehicle and chased the assailant down for several miles. During the chase, one of his colleagues, Officer Michael Sharp (left) was wounded in the face. Another Missouri State Trooper, G. H. Hendrix (right), traded gunfire with the wanted man. Because of their determined pursuit, the man was



later apprehended without further incident, arrested and booked on eight separate felony charges.

“Facing a deranged gunman who has already shown the capacity to kill, and the willingness to kill some more, is a situation that requires cool heads and professional training. Not a single one of these law enforcement officers would call himself a hero. But I do and so does our community,” Blunt concluded.

> **574 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for preparing or publishing final regulations regarding commercial leasing for oil shale reserves on public land as required under the 2005 energy law or to conduct oil shale leasing activities. **NO Passed 219-215**

> **575 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the National Endowment for the Arts. **YES Failed 97-335**

> **576 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for certain oil shale leasing in Utah and Wyoming. **YES Failed 204-223**

> **577 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** An amendment to bar the use of funds for preparing or publishing final regulations regarding commercial leasing for oil shale reserves on public land as required under the 2005 energy law or to conduct oil shale leasing activities. **NO Passed 216-210**

> **578 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would spell out requirements for an effective date for new leases authorizing oil and natural gas production in the Outer Continental Shelf to be based on certification related to domestic energy policy. **YES Failed 186-233**

> **579 6/27/07 H.R. 2643** Providing \$27.6 billion in FY2008 for the Interior Department, the EPA and related agencies. The bill provides \$10.2 billion for the Interior Department, \$8.1 billion for the EPA, \$4.6 billion for the Forest Service, \$1.9 billion for the Bureau of Land Management and \$3.4 billion for the Indian Health Service. It funds the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities at \$160 million each and the Smithsonian Institution at \$652 million. It maintains the moratorium on natural gas production in the Outer Continental Shelf. The bill provides \$50 million for a new two-year commission on climate change to recommend actions by federal agencies to combat global warming. **NO Passed 272-155**

> **583 6/28/07 H.R. 1830** Extending for eight months, through February 2008, the duty-free treatment of certain products from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. **YES Passed 365-59\***

> **584 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to increase funding by \$6 million for the General Services Administration's inspector general. It reduces by \$8 million the amount provided to the GSA's general service account. **NO Passed 281-144**

> **585 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to increase funding by \$10 million for the Small Business Administration, offset by a reduction of the same amount from the Selective Service System. **NO Failed 95-320**

> **586 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to strike a provision to prohibit a federal agency from converting current federal job functions to contractors, if the functions are done by more than 10 federal employees. **YES Failed 158-268**

> **587 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to increase funding by \$1 million for a program that subsidizes tuition for District of Columbia residents to attend public out-of-state colleges and universities, offset by a reduction of the same amount from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. **YES Failed 146-279**

> **588 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Securities and Exchange Commission to enforce the requirement on small businesses that file annual reports to the commission to include an internal control report

with their filing. **YES Passed 267-154**

> **589 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the District of Columbia for any needle exchange program. **YES Failed 208-216**

> **590 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Small Business Administration for the Grace Johnstown Area Regional Industries Incubator and Workforce Development program in Pennsylvania. **NO Failed 87-335**

> **591 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Small Business Administration for a project in the Barracks Row area of Washington, D.C. **NO Failed 60-361**

> **592 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Small Business Administration for the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association's SPUR urban center. **NO Failed 102-317**

> **593 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Small Business Administration for the Mitchell County Development Foundation for the home of the "perfect Christmas tree" project. **NO Passed 249-174**

> **594 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Small Business Administration for the West Virginia University Research Corporation's renovation of a small-business incubator. **YES Failed 101-325**

> **595 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Small Business Administration for the Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission. **YES Failed 107-318**

> **596 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the vice president's office and functions. **NO Failed 209-217**

> **597 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds to fund 148 requested earmarks from members of Congress but would leave in place 17 earmarks requested by the president. **NO Failed 48-372**

> **598 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds to mint presidential \$1 coins with "In God We Trust" on the sides of the coin rather than on the surface. **YES Passed 295-127**

> **599 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds to implement the "Fairness Doctrine," which would require broadcasters to present contentious issues in a fair and balanced manner. **YES Passed 309-115**

> **600 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to reduce funding by 8.9 percent. **YES Failed 149-276**

> **601 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 191-233**

> **602 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 205-220**

> **603 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds to register unmarried, cohabitating couples in the District of Columbia, which enables them to qualify for benefits on the same basis as legally married couples. **YES Passed 224-200**

> **604 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the IRS to implement a Spanish-language version of the "Where's My Refund" service, which allows tax filers to track their tax refunds. **YES Failed 165-257**

> **605 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to recommend that the funding for the IRS would be only to administer, implement and enforce existing tax laws. **YES Failed 199-222**

> **606 6/28/07 H.R. 2829** Providing \$43.8 billion in FY2008 for the Department of the

Treasury, Office of Personnel Management and the District of Columbia. The bill provides \$12.3 billion for the Treasury Department, of which \$11.1 billion is for the IRS. It appropriates \$21.1 billion for the Office of Personnel Management and \$6.3 billion for the operation of the federal court system, including salaries of judges, magistrates, support personnel and other expenses of the federal judiciary. It funds the Executive Office of the President at \$722 million and provides \$655 million in federal payments for the District of Columbia government. It provides a 3.5 percent pay increase for federal civilian employees. **NO Passed 240-179**

> **609 7/11/07 H. Res. 526** Expressing the sense of the House that government action should be taken to protect home buyers from unscrupulous mortgage brokers and lenders. **YES Passed\* 411-7**

> **610 7/11/07 S. 1701** Providing for an extension of the Transitional Medical Assistance program and the abstinence education program through Sept. 30, 2007. The bill also included restricted access to Medicare Advantage plans. **NO Passed\* 291-126**

> **612 7/11/07 H.R. 2669** Motion to recommit the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to specify that any borrower who is a paid full-time official or is a lobbyist would be ineligible for any student loan forgiveness programs. **YES Failed 199-223**

> **613 7/11/07 H.R. 2669** Cutting nearly \$19 billion from federal student loan programs and redirecting funding for nine new mandatory federal education programs. **NO Passed 273-149**

> **614 7/11/07 H.R. 556** Agreeing to the Senate amendment to the bill that establishes the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States in statute, with the Treasury secretary as chairman. It requires CFI-US to review any transaction that could result in foreign control of a U.S. company. A second-stage investigation will be required for any transaction that could threaten national security or result in foreign government control; Congress will receive a report on a second-stage investigation as soon as practicable. **YES Passed\* 370-45**

> **615 7/11/07 H.R. 986** Designating about 25 miles of Eightmile River in southern Connecticut as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. It authorizes unspecified sums for the Interior Department to include Eightmile River in the Wild and Scenic Rivers program. **NO Failed\* 239-173**

> **616 7/11/07 H.R. 1337** Directing the Interior Department, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of alternative ways to augment water supply in central Oklahoma. It authorizes \$900,000 for the study, which would have been required within one year of enactment. **YES Failed\* 208-211**

> **617 7/11/07 H.R. 2900** Reauthorizing Food and Drug Administration programs to approve new prescription drugs and medical devices. It expands the FDA's ability to monitor the safety of drugs and medical devices after they have been approved and marketed, establishes new incentives for the development of pediatric medical devices, and reauthorizes a law requiring drug manufacturers to include pediatric assessments when submitting an application to market a new product. **YES Passed\* 403-16**

> **618 7/11/07 H. Res. 467** Condemning the May 30 vote by the leadership of Britain's University and College Union to consider a boycott of Israeli academics and academic institutions. **YES Passed\* 414-0**

> **619 7/11/07 H. Res. 482** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States stands strongly in support of the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland. **YES Passed\* 413-1**

> **623 7/12/07 H.R. 2956** Motion to table (kill) the Wilson appeal of the ruling of the chair with respect to the Skelton point of order that the Wilson motion to recommit was not germane. The Wilson motion would recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back with a new section addressing the installation and use of electronic devices for warrantless surveillance of individuals residing overseas thought to be involved in terrorism. **NO Passed 224-197**

> **624 7/12/07 H.R. 2956** Requiring the Defense secretary to begin redeploying U.S. troops out of Iraq within 120 days of the bill's enactment. The redeployment, except for a "limited presence," would be completed by April 1, 2008. The bill requires the president, no later than Jan. 1, 2008, to transmit to Congress a comprehensive U.S. strategy for Iraq that includes a justification of the minimum force levels required to protect U.S. national security interests in Iraq after April 1, 2008, a description of the specific missions of U.S. forces to be undertaken, the cost of maintaining such a force and the expected duration of the missions. **NO Passed 223-201**

> **625 7/12/07 H.R. 1851** An amendment to impose a seven-year time limit on participation in the Section 8 housing vouchers program, with an exemption for the elderly and those with disabilities. **NO Failed 151-267**

> **626 7/12/07 H.R. 1851** An amendment to remove the bill's authorization of appropriations for the creation of 20,000 new housing vouchers each year in FY2008 through 2012. **YES Failed 144-277**

> **627 7/12/07 H.R. 1851** An amendment to require all members of a household, 18 years and older, who have received Section 8 housing assistance for more than seven consecutive years to perform 20 hours per week of approved work activities. It provides exemptions for the elderly, the disabled and single parents of children under 6 years old. **YES Failed 197-222**

> **628 7/12/07 H.R. 1851** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back with language requiring all adult occupants of Section 8 housing to establish proof of legal residency consisting of one of the following: a Social Security card in conjunction with a state or federal photo identification card; a U.S. passport; a driver's license; or a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services photo identification card. **YES Passed 233-186**

> **629 7/12/07 H.R. 1851** Authorizing the Section 8 low-income housing voucher program through FY2012 and altering calculations of income, tenant rent and public housing authority funding. The bill authorizes 100,000 new vouchers over five years, and it permits vouchers to be used, as a one-time grant in an amount not exceeding \$10,000, for a down payment for the purchase of a first home by recipients who have been in the program for at least a year. **NO Passed 333-83**

> **630 7/16/07 H.R. 1980** Authorizing the Housing and Urban Development Department to provide \$10 million in FY2008, and \$15 million each year from FY2009-2014, to the Housing Assistance Council. **YES Passed\* 350-49**

> **631 7/16/07 H.R. 1982** Authorizing \$30 million for the Rural Housing and Economic Development program administered by the

Housing and Urban Development Department in FY2008 and \$40 million each year from FY2009 through 2013. **YES Passed\* 350-49**

> **632 7/16/07 H.R. 799** Authorizing a total of \$463 million over five years for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), including a new program that provides grants and other assistance for energy projects. Commission funds earmarked for a state in appropriations bills will be counted against the amount that the state would receive under the ARC formula distribution. **NO Passed\* 332-70**

> **633 7/17/07 H.R. 980** Establishing limited organized labor rights for state and local public safety officials, including police officers and firefighters. It requires the Federal Labor Relations Authority to determine, within 180 days of enactment, whether a state allows for certain labor rights for public safety employees, including the right to bargain over working hours, wages and term of employment. **NO Passed\* 314-97**

> **635 7/17/07 H.R. 1** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on Senate-passed provisions related to prohibiting transportation security cards from being issued to certain convicted felons and permitting the Homeland Security secretary to add to the list of felonies that would warrant the action. **YES Passed 354-66**

> **636 7/17/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Center for Instrumented Critical Infrastructure in Pennsylvania. **NO Failed 98-326**

> **637 7/17/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the South Carolina Historically Black Colleges and Universities Science and Technology Initiative. **NO Failed 70-357**

> **638 7/17/07 H.R. 2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Emmanuel College Center for Science Partnership in Massachusetts. **YES Failed 79-337**

> **639 7/17/07 H.R.**

**2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds for nano-structured fuel cell membrane electrode assembly in California. **NO Failed 81-348**

> **640 7/17/07 H.R.**

**2641** An amendment to bar the use of funds for numerous member-requested projects earmarked in the supplemental committee report. **NO Failed 39-388**

> **641 7/17/07 H.R. 2641** Providing \$31.6 billion in FY2008 for energy and water development projects, an increase of \$2.2 billion from FY2007. The bill includes \$25.2 billion for the Energy Department and \$5.6 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers. It appropriates \$8.8 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration and \$494.5 million for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. The bill provides \$4.5 billion for the department's science programs and \$1 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation. It includes \$1.1 billion for member-requested energy earmarked projects run by various entities including the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. **NO Passed 312-112**

> **642 7/17/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase funding by \$2 million for the Employment Standards Administration. It would reduce by \$3 million the amount provided to the Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs. **YES Failed 186-237**

> **643 7/17/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase funding by \$50 million for the Educa-

tion Department Even Start program. It would reduce by \$28 million the amount provided to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$10 million for the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, \$11 million for the Administration on Aging Office of the Secretary and \$900,000 for the Education Department Departmental Management account. **YES Failed 174-250**

> **644 7/17/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce funding for the Bureau of International Labor Affairs by \$58 million. **YES Failed 149-277**

> **645 7/17/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase funding by \$50 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs. **YES Failed 183-243**

> **646 7/17/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to strike a provision that would bar funds from being used for public-private competitions until 60 days after the Government Accountability Office reports to the House and Senate Appropriations committees on the use of competitive sourcing within the Labor Department. **YES Failed 173-251**

> **647 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase funding by \$12.5 million each for TRIO

reduce by \$5 million the amount provided to the Children and Families Services Program. **NO Failed 80-347**

> **653 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase by \$21 million the amount provided for the Teacher Incentive Fund, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Teacher Quality States Grants. **NO Failed 149-274**

> **654 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce by \$34 million the amount provided to school improvement programs and specifically would eliminate funding for the Alaska Native Education Equity program. **NO Failed 74-352**

> **655 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase by \$10 million the amount for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B grants, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Innovation and Improvement account. **YES Failed 186-241**

> **656 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce by \$11 million the amount provided for the Innovation and Improvement account. **YES Failed 116-309**

> **657 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce by \$23.5 million the amount for the Writing Instruction program at the Education Department. **NO Failed 97-331**

> **658 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase by \$50 million the amount provided

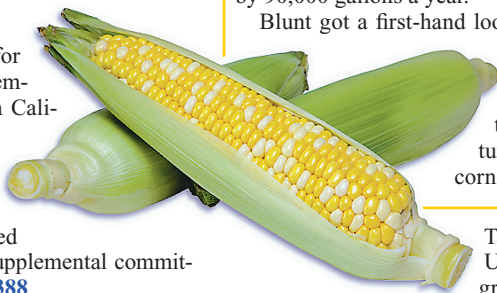
## Renewable Energy Grants Go To Southwest Missouri Farmers Using Corn as Fuel

Two Southwest Missouri poultry producers have been selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to receive \$50,000 grants to convert corn into heating fuel. The grants will be used to install corn-fired furnaces to heat poultry houses operated by Roger Schnake of Stotts City and Bill Harvill of Stark City – in the process saving potentially thousands of gallons of propane energy. Harvill hopes to cut his propane use by 90,000 gallons a year.

Blunt got a first-hand look at Schnake's experiment in using coal and wood furnaces during the 2006 Agriculture Tour. "Using corn as an alternative

energy source needs to be researched more thoroughly – and I'm glad that research will be done on two farms in Southwest Missouri," Blunt said. "And if it's successful here, there's no reason it can't be applied to hundreds of poultry operations throughout the region."

In making the switch to corn as a heating fuel, Schnake explained that corn is more plentiful in this area than coal and easier to handle than wood. "Corn would have to go up to \$8 a bushel to equal the price of propane," he said. "I planted enough corn (an estimated 6,000 bushels) on my farm this year to operate my eight chicken houses for an entire year." Schnake hopes to reduce his propane costs by 75 percent, allowing the \$200,000 project to pay for itself in as little as two years.



Talent Search and Upward Bound programs and geriatric

education programs. It would reduce by \$25 million the amount provided for grants to the AmeriCorps program. **YES Failed 182-242**

> **648 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase and then decrease by \$37 million in funding for nursing retention education. **YES Failed 207-217**

> **649 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to strike language that required Ryan White Care Act funding for HIV/AIDS not be reduced by more than 8.4 percent for metropolitan areas and not more than 13.4 percent for transitional areas. **YES Failed 196-230**

> **650 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B grants to states by \$125 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the National Institutes of Health contribution to the Global Fund. **YES Failed 203-224**

> **651 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce by \$8 million the amount provided to the Children and Families Services Program. **NO Failed 58-370**

> **652 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to

for special education, offset by a reduction of the same amount from the Education Department program administration account. **YES Passed 419-11**

> **659 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce by \$2 million the amount provided for rehabilitation services and disability research. **NO Failed 95-335**

> **660 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to eliminate the Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership (LEAP) program, saving \$65 million. This program has already accomplished its goals of motivating all states to create need-based postsecondary grants. **YES Failed 79-349**

> **661 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce by \$256 million the amount provided for the AmeriCorps program. **YES Failed 96-334**

> **662 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to eliminate funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. **NO Failed 72-357**

> **663 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to strike all earmarks. **NO Failed 53-369**

> **664 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Exploratorium in San Francisco, Calif., for its Bay Area Science Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Improvement Initiative. **YES Failed 89-341**

> **665 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds to pay the salary of the deputy commissioner of Social Security without a Senate vote confirming the appointment of the deputy commissioner. **NO Passed 231-199**

> **666 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the transfer of National Institutes of Health funds appropriated for the Health and Human Services Department Evaluation Tap to be used for other HHS agencies. **YES Failed 181-249**

> **667 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the On Location Entertainment Industry Craft and Technician Training project at West Los Angeles College in Culver City, California. **YES Failed 114-316**

> **668 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the American Ballet Theatre in New York City for educational activities. **NO Failed 118-312**

> **669 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, S.C. **NO Failed 70-360**

> **670 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Kansas Regional Prisons Museum in Lansing, Kansas. **YES Failed 112-317**

> **671 7/18/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Corporation for Jefferson's Popular Forest in Forest, Va., for expansion of exhibits and outreach. **NO Failed 68-360**

> **672 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for a bonus or other performance-based cash award to any employee of the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services who was appointed by the president, confirmed by the Senate or is in a senior executive service position. **YES Failed 185-238**

> **673 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Social Security Administration to compensate its employees to administer Social Security benefit payments under any agreement between the United States and Mexico establishing arrangements between the two nations' social security benefits systems. **YES Passed 254-168**

> **674 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the National Labor Relations Board to recognize a union as the exclusive bargaining employee representative that has not been elected by a secret-ballot election. **YES Failed 167-255**

> **675 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement any policy that would prohibit a Medicare beneficiary from enrolling in the Medicare Advantage program. **YES Failed 192-228**

> **676 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Education Department to provide or process the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form in any language other than English. **YES Failed 191-233**

> **677 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to limit the use of the funds provided to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services concerning Medicare regulations related to local hospitals. **YES Passed 412-12**

> **678 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service at the City College of New York in New York City. **NO Failed 108-316**

> **679 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City, Mo., for exhibits and education programs and an archival project. **NO Failed 96-327**

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The new \$25 million flyover ramp (pictured below) at Interstate 44 and Highway 65 in north-east Springfield replaces a cloverleaf that could



no longer handle 100,000 vehicles a day. The flyover ramp has already eased congestion and eliminated merge accidents

that were becoming common-place on the cloverleaf. Bond and Blunt successfully secured \$16 million in federal funding that helped move the improvements ahead by two years. New flyover ramps are also being built on Joplin's new Range Line Bypass that should be open in 2008.



> **680 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to reduce funding by 4.6 percent. **YES Failed 136-288**

> **681 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 165-256**

> **682 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 177-245**

> **683 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to require a 0.25 percent across-the-board cut in discretionary spending. **YES Failed 177-245**

> **684 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** An amendment to bar the use of funds for Planned Parenthood. **YES Failed 189-231**

> **685 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to provide funding for elementary and secondary schools, child welfare agencies and other agencies to conduct background checks on teachers and other employees. **YES Failed 206-213**

> **686 7/19/07 H.R. 3043** Appropriating \$607.4 billion, including \$151.7 billion in discretionary spending, in FY2008 for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and related agencies. The bill is an increase of \$7 billion in discretionary spending from FY2007. It provides \$64.9 billion for the Education Department, including \$15.6 billion for Pell Grants; \$14.9 billion for the Labor Department, including \$3.6 billion for training and employment services; and \$479.4 billion for Health and Human Services, including \$29.6 billion for the National Institutes of Health and \$401.4 billion, almost all in mandatory spending, for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. **NO Passed 276-140**

> **687 7/23/07 H.R. 404** Requiring the Government Accountability Office and the Office of Management and Budget to develop measurements of customer service performance to use for establishing customer service standards for federal agencies. **YES Passed\* 383-0**

> **688 7/23/07 H. Res. 553** The House of Representatives mourns the passing of former first lady Lady Bird Johnson and celebrates her life and contributions. **YES Passed\* 381-0**

> **689 7/23/07 H. Res. 519** Honoring the life and accomplishments of artist Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth. **YES Passed\* 384-0**

> **691 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to strike language that would require states, when administering the bill's \$3 billion rescission of unobligated federal highway funds that were apportioned to the states, to apply the rescission proportionally among the highway

programs. **YES Failed 201-217**

> **692 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to reduce the amount provided for Amtrak operating grants by \$106 million and increase funding for the HUD Homeless Assistance Grants by the same amount. **YES Failed 110-308**

> **693 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to strike the \$475 million for operating subsidy grants for Amtrak. It would strike language directing Amtrak to adhere to a number of business practices, including requiring the submission of certain reports and a comprehensive business plan and prohibiting the use of funds to support routes on which Amtrak offers discounts of more than 50 percent off normal peak fare, except on routes in which the operating loss resulting from the discount is covered by a state that sets fares. **YES Failed 94-328**

> **694 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to reduce the amount provided for Amtrak capital and debt service grants by \$425 million. **YES Failed 104-312**

> **695 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to reduce the amount provided for the HUD Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance account by \$330 million. **NO Failed 121-300**

> **696 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to eliminate the \$9 million for the HUD Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program. **YES Failed 116-307**

> **697 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds to support the Amtrak route with the highest loss according to a September 2006 Financial Performance of Routes Report, which is the Sunset Limited. **YES Failed 139-283**

> **698 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Belmont Complex in Kittanning, Pa. **NO Failed 87-335**

> **699 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in Wausau, Wis. **NO Failed 68-356**

> **700 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the National Forest Recreation Association in Woodlake, Calif., to construct the National Mule and Packers Museum. **NO Failed 69-352**

> **701 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to limit the use of funds for the Friends of Cheat Rails-to-Trails Program in West Virginia. **NO Failed 81-342**

> **702 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to limit the use of funds for Houston Zoo. **NO Failed 77-347**

> **703 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration to eliminate, consolidate, reorganize or collocate any FAA air traffic control facility or service or plan for such changes. The amendment provides an exception for the reversal of the transfer of the radar functions from the Palm Springs facility to the Southern California facility. **NO Passed 268-158**

> **704 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Aviation Administration to implement the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace Redesign project. **YES Failed 65-360**

> **705 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Edmonds Center for the Arts in Edmonds, Wash. **NO Failed 97-327**

> **707 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds for participation in working groups on a proposed north-south, border to border freeway. **NO Passed 362-63**

> **708 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to reduce funding by \$3.2 billion. **YES Failed 133-292**

> **709 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to require a 1 percent across-the-board cut in the bill's discretionary spending. **YES Failed 177-250**

> **710 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in the bill's discretionary spending. **YES Failed 198-229**

> **711 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to limit the use of Federal Housing Administration funds to create an affordable-housing fund. **YES Failed 142-283**

> **712 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to bar the use of funds to implement wage requirements under the Davis-Bacon Act. **NO Failed 148-278**

> **713 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** An amendment to prohibit HUD from using funds to implement or enforce the 1998 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which requires public housing residents to perform eight hours of community service monthly as a condition of receiving housing assistance. **NO Failed 207-220**

> **714 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language prohibiting HUD from satisfying a requirement for a \$1.3 billion rescission by reducing funds previously appropriated for assistance grants for the homeless or for housing programs for the disabled and elderly. **YES Failed 201-220**

> **715 7/24/07 H.R. 3074** Appropriating \$104.4 billion in FY2008, including \$50.7 billion in discretionary spending, for the departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and related agencies, an increase of \$4.4 billion over the current year. It provides \$65.5 billion for the Transportation Department, including \$40.2 billion for the federal aid highway program, \$14.6 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration and \$1.4 billion in grants to Amtrak. It provides \$38.7 billion for HUD, including \$16.3 billion for the Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program. **NO Passed 268-153**

> **717 7/25/07 H.R. 2929** Prohibiting the use of any funds made available by any act of Congress to establish any military installation or base for the permanent stationing of U.S. armed forces in Iraq, or to exercise U.S. economic control of the oil resources of Iraq. **YES Passed\* 399-24**

> **718 7/25/07 H. Res. 345** Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York. **YES Passed\* 423-0**

> **719 7/25/07 H. Con. Res. 187** Expressing the sense of Congress that it disapproves of Indiana issuing a legal permit to allow changes in the levels of non-toxic waste water being put into

Lake Michigan. The new level still falls within the limits set by the Clean water Act of 1977.

**NO Passed\* 387-26**

> **720 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration by \$6 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount to the Census Bureau salaries and expense accounts. **YES Failed 200-228**

> **721 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the FBI by \$6 million and cut funding to the Economic Development Administration by \$100 million. **YES Failed 125-294**

> **722 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Fund's Southwest Border Prosecutor Initiative by \$10 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Census Bureau's Periodic Censuses and Programs. **YES Passed 229-196**

> **723 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration by \$5 million for the E911 initiative, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Justice Department salaries and expenses account. **YES Passed 340-87**

> **724 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the International Trade Commission by \$1 million and reduced the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations, research, and facilities account by \$2 million. **YES Failed 83-342**

> **725 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by \$55 million, offset by a reduction of \$25 million for the Commerce Department's salaries and expenses account, \$25 million for the Justice Department's general administration account and \$5 million for the FBI construction account. **YES Passed 388-39**

> **726 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to redirect \$1 million within the FBI to focus on an investigation of Rep. Alan B. Mollohan, D-W.Va. **NO Failed 19-389**

> **727 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for the Office on Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs by \$10 million offset by a reduction of the same amount for the National Science Foundation operations and award management program. **YES Passed 243-186**

> **728 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to direct \$1.7 million from the Office of Justice Programs account for the Public Safety Officers Benefits program. **YES Passed 421-2**

> **729 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to strike the section that would bar the use of funds to plan for, begin, continue or approve a public-private competition under the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 or any successor administrative regulation, directive or policy for work performed by employees of the Bureau of Prisons or Federal Prison Industries, Inc. **YES Failed 162-267**

> **730 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs by \$14 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount from the Justice Department general administration salaries and expenses account. **YES Passed 412-18**

> **731 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase by \$10 million the amount provided for the Crimes Victims Fund, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Commerce



Department's administrative salaries account. **YES Passed 395-34**

> **732 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to increase the amount provided for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs by 5 millions, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Commerce Department's management salaries and expenses account. **YES Passed 405-25**

> **733 7/25/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to bar the use of funds to prevent the implementation of state laws authorizing the use of marijuana for medical reasons in certain states. **NO Failed 165-262**

> **734 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to bar the use of funds by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to commence litigation against employers on the grounds that they require employees to speak English. **YES Failed 202-212**

> **735 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine. **YES Failed 87-328**

> **736 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to limit the use of funds for the East Coast Shellfish Research Institute at the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Toms River, N.J. **NO Failed 77-337**

> **737 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to bar the use of funds to enforce the 2002 McCain-Feingold campaign finance law provisions dealing with electioneering communications. **YES Passed 215-205**

> **738 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to bar the use of funds to purchase light bulbs that do not have an "Energy Star" designation. **YES Passed 404-16**

> **739 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to reduce funding by 3 percent. **YES Failed 138-282**

> **740 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to require a \$750 million across-the-board cut in the bill's discretionary funding. **YES Failed 159-261**

> **741 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to require a 0.5 percent across-the-board cut in the bill's discretionary funding. **YES Failed 186-235**

> **742 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** An amendment to require a 0.05 percent across-the-board cut in the bill's discretionary spending. **YES Failed 192-228**

> **743 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to provide additional funding for the Department of Justice immigration law enforcement capabilities and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. **YES Failed 209-215**

> **744 7/26/07 H.R. 3093** Appropriating \$53.6 billion in FY2008 for the departments of Commerce and Justice and other agencies such as NASA and the National Science Foundation. An increase of \$3.7 billion over the current year. It provides \$23.9 billion for the Justice Department, \$7.1 billion for the Commerce Department. It funds NASA at \$17.6 billion, the National Science Foundation at \$6.5 billion and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at \$4 billion. It limits the sharing of federal information on gun makers, sellers and buyers with local police and city officials and bars its use in lawsuits against gun makers and sellers. **NO Passed 281-142**

> **747 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** Substitute amendment to reauthorize federal agriculture programs and bar farmers making more than \$250,000 in annual adjusted gross income from receiving federal subsidies. It replaces the current price-based counter-cyclical payment program with revenue-based counter-cyclical payments for commodities. Commodity payments would only be made to

individuals actively engaged in farming, and individuals and entities convicted of fraud for evading payment limits would have payments withheld for six years. Foreign individuals and entities would also be barred from receiving crop subsidies. It reduces the maximum direct payment that qualified individual farmers can collect to \$40,000. It authorizes \$7.6 billion for conservation programs. **NO Failed 117-309**

> **748 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to express the sense of Congress that the food available to schoolchildren under the school breakfast and lunch program should be selected so as to reduce juvenile obesity and maximize nutritional value. **YES Passed 422-3**

> **749 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to require Cuba to make payments for agricultural produce after they receive the produce instead of the current "no credit policy." Cuba would be allowed to make payments directly to U.S. banks. It would have permitted visas to be issued to U.S. citizens to conduct activities in Cuba related to purchasing agricultural goods. **NO Failed 182-245**

> **750 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to replace the current daily posted county prices (PCP) used for determining loan deficiency payment rates and repayment rates for marketing assistance loans with a monthly PCP for each crop. It requires producer loan deficiency payments and loan repayment rates to be based on the month that beneficial interest is lost. **YES Failed 153-271**

> **751 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to strike bill language regarding the sugar commodity support program and the feedstock flexibility program for bioenergy producers and continue the 2002 farm law provisions for the two programs until FY2012. **YES Failed 144-282**

> **752 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to reduce the direct payment rate for cotton to \$0.06 from \$0.0667 with the savings to be used to increase the land allowed to be enrolled in the Grasslands Reserve Program by 224,000 acres. **NO Failed 175-251**

> **753 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to prohibit individuals from receiving farm conservation payments if their income exceeds \$1 million, unless 75 percent of their income comes from farm income. **YES Failed 175-252**

> **754 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** An amendment to adjust the federal crop insurance program, including a reduction of the imputed premium on catastrophic coverage by 25 percent and charge an administrative fee equal or greater than \$100 or 25 percent of the new, reduced imputed premium, with a maximum fee of \$5,000. **NO Failed 175-250**

> **755 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** Motion to recommit the bill to the Agriculture Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to strike a tax provision to raise \$4 billion over five years by ending the ability of foreign companies operating in the United States to shift income to a third country and to eliminate bilateral tax agreements. **YES Failed 198-223**

> **756 7/27/07 H.R. 2419** Authorizing roughly \$286 billion from FY2008 through FY2012 for federal farm, nutrition assistance, rural development and agricultural trade programs. It bars producers making more than \$1 million a year from receiving federal subsidies, but increases the maximum individual farmers can collect in direct payments to \$60,000. Country-of-origin labels for all meat will be required by September 2008. It authorizes \$2 billion in mandatory loan guarantees for biofuel refineries and \$1.5 billion for production incentives for ethanol

and biodiesel made from agricultural, forest and waste plant materials. Farmers will be able to choose between the current form of counter-cyclical income support payments and payments based on a national revenue target. The bill extends the Milk Income Loss Contract program through FY2012. It increases, from \$134 to \$145 per month, the amount households could deduct from gross income in determining their level of benefits. It also includes tax provisions that would raise \$4 billion over five years, mainly by ending the ability of foreign companies operating in the United States to shift income to a third country and to eliminate bilateral tax agreements. **NO Passed 231-191**

> **757 7/27/07 H.R. 1** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that implements recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission, including requiring homeland security grants based mainly on risk while ensuring minimum amounts for each state. It creates a new grant program to support the development of interoperable communications. It also requires all cargo bound for the United States to be scanned for radiation and density before being placed on a ship in a foreign port. The bill authorizes new sanctions on foreign individuals or entities that engage in the improper transport or sales of nuclear weapons materials. **YES Passed 371-40**

> **758 7/30/07 H.R. 2750** Requiring the Treasury Department to mint coins to commemorate the 50th anniversary of NASA. **YES Passed\* 402-0**

> **763 7/31/07 S. 1** As amended, overhauls congressional lobbying and ethics rules for members and their staffs and requires the disclosure of "bundled" campaign contributions that exceed \$15,000 in a six-month period. Former senators will have to wait two years before becoming lobbyists; former House members will have to wait one year, as under current rules. It requires quarterly disclosure reports on lobbying activities and restricts members' and candidates' travel on private planes. **YES Passed\* 411-8**

> **764 7/31/07 H.R. 180** Barring federal contracts with companies listed by the Treasury Department as doing business in the power, oil, mineral or military equipment industries in Sudan. States will be authorized to take similar action. Treasury will have six months to compile such a list. Investment and pension managers will be shielded from lawsuits contending that divesting would lower a fund's profits. **YES Passed\* 418-1**

> **765 7/31/07 H.R. 2347** Authorizing state and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20 million or more in Iran's energy sector, companies that sell arms to the government of Iran, and financial institutions that extend \$20 million or more in credit to the Iran government for 45 days or more. **YES Passed\* 408-6**

> **766 7/31/07 H.R. 986** Motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to bar the use of federal funds to condemn land in order to carry out provisions of the bill. **YES Failed 200-225**

> **767 7/31/07 H.R. 986** Designates about 25 miles of Eightmile River in southern Connecticut as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. It authorizes such sums as necessary for the Interior Department to include Eightmile River in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program. **NO Passed 253-172**

> **768 7/31/07 H.R. 2831** Amending the 1964 Civil Rights Act to allow employees to file charges of pay discrimination within 180 days of the last received paycheck affected by the alleged discrimi-

natory decision. The bill clarifies that an employee is entitled to up to two years of back-pay if it is determined that discrimination occurred at anytime. **NO Passed 225-199**

> **770 7/31/07 H.R. 2272** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on House-passed language setting lower authorization levels and urging researchers to invest time and money into advancing coal-to-liquids technology and nuclear reprocessing. **YES Passed 258-167**

> **771 7/31/07 H.R. 176** Establishing the Shirley Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Program for secondary, undergraduate and graduate students and scholars from the Caribbean to study in the United States. **YES Passed\* 371-55**

> **772 7/31/07 H.R. 957** Expanding the definition of those subject to sanctions for making investments that increase Iran's ability to develop its petroleum resources. The new definition adds financial institutions, insurers, underwriters, guarantors and any other business organizations, including any foreign subsidiaries. **YES Passed\* 415-11**

> **773 7/31/07 H.R. 2272** Overhauling the Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Systems Program. It prohibits the use of a private firm as the lead systems integrator for the program. The Coast Guard will be required to use full and open competition for most procurement under the program. The bill requires the development of an authoritative life-cycle cost estimate for the program that includes asset acquisition and logistics support decisions and planned operational tempo. **YES Passed\* 426-0**

> **786 8/1/07 H.R. 3162** Motion to recommit the bill to the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would authorize SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) for one year, continue the enforcement of the five-year waiting period for illegal immigrants to get into the program and require citizenship documentation for eligibility purposes. The language eliminates proposed cuts to Medicare providers and Medicare Advantage plan payments. **YES Failed 202-226**

> **787 8/1/07 H.R. 3162** Authorizing about \$86 billion over five years for SCHIP and eliminating certain Medicare benefit programs. The costs will be offset by raising the federal tobacco tax by 45 cents a pack, reducing federal payments to insurers in the Medicare Advantage program, phasing out subsidies to insurers who charge more than Medicare reimbursement rates and reducing the allowable growth rate for Medicare physician payments to 2.5 percent, freezing it after 2012. **NO Passed 225-204**

> **789 8/1/07 H.R. 3248** Amending the 2005 surface transportation law to make technical corrections and increase the required rescission of unobligated highway contract authority by \$117 million to offset new spending. **YES Passed\* 422-1**

> **790 8/1/07 H.R. 1495** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that authorizes \$21 billion for more than 900 water resource development projects and studies by the Army Corps of Engineers for flood control, navigation, beach erosion control and environmental restoration. The bill requires peer review for water development projects that exceed \$45 million. It authorizes \$3.6 billion for a system of new locks and dams and environmental restoration on the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois waterway system, and authorizes hurricane recovery activities along the Gulf Coast. **NO Passed 381-40**

> **795 8/2/07 H.R. 3159** Motion to recommit the bill to the Armed Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to require that the proposed minimum rest times could only be implemented if the Defense secretary certifies that they would not result in extending the tours of those already in Iraq or increase their "operational risk." **YES Failed 207-217**

> **796 8/2/07 H.R. 3159** Mandating minimum periods of rest and recuperation for members of the regular and reserve components of the U.S. military serving in Iraq. It exempts special operations forces units and allows the president and military service chiefs to waive these requirements in response to unforeseen circumstances with no evaluation of risk to troops in the area of operations. **NO Passed 229-194**

> **801 8/2/07 H.R. 2272** Motion to recommit the conference report on the bill with instructions to insist on the lower authorization level of the House-passed bill and to include language from the House-passed bill relating to the prioritization of early career grants for science and engineering researchers for the expansion of domestic energy production. **YES Failed 199-227**

> **802 8/2/07 H.R. 2272** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that reauthorizes programs at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for three years. The bill authorizes \$22 billion for the NSF and \$2.65 billion for the NIST, as well as nearly \$17 billion for Energy Department science programs, including a new Advanced Research Projects Agency to coordinate research into new energy technologies. **NO Passed 367-57**

> **803 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to strike language that bars the use of funds to study or enter into a contract with a private party to carry out a competitive sourcing activity related to rural development or farm loan programs. **YES Failed 168-254**

> **804 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to reduce funding by \$6 million for the Rural Community Advancement Program, which provides rural development direct loans, loan guarantees and grants. **NO Failed 90-337**

> **805 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to reduce funding by \$8.9 million for a grant program to finance broadband transmission in rural areas eligible for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program benefits. **NO Failed 66-360**

> **806 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to strike language that bars the use of funds by the FDA to prevent individuals, wholesalers and pharmacists from importing FDA-approved prescription drugs. **YES Failed 146-283**

> **807 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to bar the use of funds to require contractors involved in construction of renewable energy systems to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires prevailing wages to be paid on public works projects. **YES Failed 152-278**

> **808 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to require a 5.5 percent across-the-board cut in the bill's discretionary spending. **YES Failed 146-284**

> **809 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Catfish Pathogen Genomic Project in Auburn, Ala. **NO Failed 74-357**

> **810 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to bar the use of funds for grape genetics research in Geneva, N.Y. **NO Failed 76-353**

> **811 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the alternative uses of tobacco grants in Maryland. **NO Failed 94-337**

> **812 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Ruminant Nutrition Consortium in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. **NO Failed 74-355**

> **813 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the wood utilization grant in Oregon, Mississippi, North Carolina, Minnesota, Maine, Michigan, Idaho, Tennessee, Arkansas and West Virginia. **NO Failed 68-363**

> **814 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to prohibit the use of funds to employ illegal immigrants or to provide rental housing assistance to an illegal immigrant not qualified to receive such assistance. (Passed 215-213 when the Speaker pro tempore ended the vote) **YES Failed 212-216**

> **816 8/2/07 H.R. 3161** Providing \$90.7 billion in FY2008 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies including the FDA. The bill funds the food stamp program at \$39.8 billion and the child nutrition program at \$13.9 billion. It provides \$1.8 billion for the FDA, \$5.6 billion for the Women, Infants and Children program and \$1.2 billion for the Food for Peace program. It bars the FDA from using funds to prevent the importation of FDA-approved drugs. **Protest of vote 814 Passed 237-18**

> **819 8/3/07 H.R. 3311** Authorizing the Transportation Department to carry out a project to repair and reconstruct the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis, Minn. It authorizes \$250 million from the general fund of the Treasury for the project. It sets the federal share for the project at 100 percent. The bill permits the Transportation Department to reimburse the Minnesota Transportation Department for the costs of additional public transportation needs arising from the collapse. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **821 8/3/07 H.R. 3356** Allowing the foreign intelligence court established under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to issue orders to allow surveillance of the communications of suspected terrorists who are overseas, regardless of whether they are communicating with U.S. residents as long as the court determines that the suspects are "reasonably believed" to be overseas. It requires the attorney general to certify under oath that surveillance conducted under such orders meet a number of requirements intended to protect the rights of individuals within the United States. **NO Passed 218-207**

> **822 8/3/07 H. Res. 612** Motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that denotes that Rep. John P. Murtha, D-Pa., has brought dishonor and discredit to the House of Representatives by misusing the powers of the chair. **NO Passed 211-178**

> **829 8/4/07 H.R. 3221** An amendment to express the sense of Congress that Congress supports renewable energy, specifically large- and small-scale conventional hydropower. **YES Passed 402-9**

> **830 8/4/07 H.R. 3221** An amendment to bar any federal agency, including an office of the legislative branch, from acquiring a light-duty motor vehicle or a medium-duty motor vehicle that is not a low greenhouse gas-emitting vehicle. **NO Passed 218-196**

> **831 8/4/07 H.R. 3221** Motion to recommit the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report the bill back with a substitute amendment to overhaul energy policies, including allowing for offshore drilling, exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and provisions related to energy efficiency, "smart grid" technologies, loan guarantees, alternative fuels and coal gas-

ification. **YES Failed 169-244**

> **832 8/4/07 H.R. 3221** Setting new efficiency standards for appliances, lighting and buildings, and creating new programs to research infrastructure and delivery of alternative fuels. The bill requires oil and natural gas producers who currently do not pay royalties on leased federal land to either agree to renegotiate their leases or pay a new fee. It also expands an existing federal program to promote the capture and storage of carbon dioxide and sets a goal of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions by federal agencies by 2050. As amended, it requires utilities, starting in 2010, to produce at least 2.75 percent of electricity from renewable sources, with percentages rising each year to 15 percent by 2020 but does not count hydro or nuclear power as renewable. **NO Passed 241-172**

> **833 8/4/07 H. Res. 623** Motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that expands the scope of inquiry of the select committee on the voting irregularities of Aug. 2 to include events surrounding the Aug. 3 omission of words from the Congressional Record preceding a motion to table a privileged resolution (H. Res. 612). **NO Passed 216-182**

> **834 8/4/07 H.R. 2776** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back with a substitute to provide \$5 billion in energy-related tax provisions. It extends and authorizes the advanced coal and coal gasification gas credits. **YES Failed 65-346**

> **835 8/4/07 H.R. 2776** Authorizing \$16.1 billion in energy-related tax provisions, including new tax credit bonds to encourage energy efficiency in residential property and more production of "clean" energy. It also authorizes \$3.6 billion in bonds for state and local governments to fund energy conservation efforts. It will be offset primarily by reducing current tax benefits for oil and gas companies. It raises taxes on the oil and gas industry and uses the proceeds to extend and expand tax breaks for renewable energy, hybrid cars and energy-efficient buildings and appliances. The bill also creates a \$6 billion "green bond fund." **NO Passed 221-189**

> **836 8/4/07 S. 1927** Amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) to expand the authority of the attorney general and the director of National Intelligence to conduct surveillance of one suspected foreign terrorist to another without a court warrant. Communications companies will be compelled to comply with the government's conduct of such surveillance. The administration will be required to provide the FISA court with a description of the procedures they used to determine whether the intelligence acquisition being conducted without a warrant is directed at foreign targets overseas within 10 days of initiating the electronic surveillance. The FISA court will then approve or disapprove of the measures. The bill sunsets after six months. **YES Passed 227-183**

> **838 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to bar the use of funds regarding a cost study of the use of the "A-76" process to contract jobs to the private sector. **YES Failed 148-259**

> **839 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to limit the use of funds for the Presidio Trust national park in San Francisco, Calif. **YES Failed 94-311**

> **840 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to increase by \$97.2 million funding for ground-based mid course defense, offset by a reduction of the same amount from research, development, test and evaluation. **YES Failed 161-249**

> **841 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to

bar the use of funds to award a grant or contract based on the race, ethnicity or gender of the grant applicant or prospective contractor. **YES Failed 126-284**

> **842 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the "Paint Shield for Protecting People from Microbial Threats." **NO Failed 91-317**

> **843 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Doyle Center for Manufacturing Technology in Pittsburgh, Pa. **NO Failed 98-312**

> **844 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the Lewis Center for Education Research in Apple Valley, Calif. **NO Failed 57-353**

> **845 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** An amendment to bar the use of funds for the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown, Pa. **YES Failed 109-301**

> **846 8/5/07 H.R. 3222** Appropriating \$459.6 billion for defense spending, including \$141 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in FY2008. The total includes \$137.1 billion for operations and maintenance, \$99.6 billion for procurement and \$76.2 billion for research and development. It also provides \$8.5 billion for ballistic missile defense, \$23 billion for the defense health program and \$105 billion for military personnel, including a 3.5 percent pay raise. **YES Passed 395-13**

> **847 9/04/07 H.R. 694** Establishing a Commerce Department grant program to assist minority-serving institutions in acquiring and augmenting digital and wireless networking technologies for educational purposes. The bill authorizes \$250 million in FY2008 and such sums as necessary between FY2009 through 2012. **YES Passed\* 331-59**

> **848 9/04/07 H.R. 3020** Increasing the maximum for average loan sizes made by non-profit community-based lenders to \$10,000 from \$7,500 under the Small Business Administration's microloan program. It also raises the threshold to \$10,000 from \$7,500 for loans that lenders can charge a higher interest rate. **YES Passed\* 385-5**

> **849 9/04/07 H.R. 2669** Motion to instruct House conferees to agree to Senate-passed provisions expressing the sense of the Senate that detainees housed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including senior members of al Qaeda, should not be released into the United States or transferred to facilities in the United States. **YES Passed 305-83**

> **850 9/05/07 H. Res. 552** Calling on the Chinese government to implement non-discriminatory treatment of U.S. financial services firms doing business in China and removing all foreign investment ownership caps on banking, life insurance, asset management and securities. **YES Passed\* 401-4**

> **851 9/05/07 H. Res. 629** Offering condolences to the people of Greece for the loss of life and destruction caused by the June 2007 fires and supporting the administration's pledge of \$1.5 million in aid. **YES Passed\* 407-0**

> **852 9/05/07 H. Res. 508** Recognizing Japan as a reliable security partner of the United States, commending the Japanese government for its role in increasing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and expressing appreciation for its efforts in the global war against terrorism. **YES Passed\* 405-0**

> **853 9/05/07 H. Res. 544** Expressing sympathy for the victims of thunderstorms and floods that struck Kansas beginning June 26, 2007, and conveying gratitude to those who assisted with the relief efforts. **YES Passed\* 397-0**

> **856 9/06/07 H.R. 2786** Amendment to strike language reauthorizing the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program. **YES Failed 112-298**

> **857 9/06/07 H.R. 2786** Amendment to bar the use of funds to contravene the Immigration and Nationality Act. **YES Passed 263-146**

> **858 9/06/07 H.R. 2786** Amendment to bar funds authorized from dispersal unless off-sets in other federal programs are found to ensure that the federal deficit does not increase or that the federal surplus does not decrease. **YES Failed 184-228**

> **859 9/06/07 H.R. 2786** Reauthorizing through FY2012 the Native American and Native Hawaiian Block grant programs, which provide grants for affordable housing projects. The bill requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study for Congress on the effectiveness of the measure on tribes of different sizes. It authorizes such sums as necessary through FY2012. **YES Passed 333-75**

> **862 9/07/07 H.R. 1908** Amendment to make several technical and substantive changes to the bill, including providing settlement and arbitration proceedings in derivation proceedings, retaining interference proceedings with respect to patent applications filed before the bill's effective date, and giving the court additional discretion in considering the entire market value of a product when considering damage awards in a patent infringement lawsuit for a patent that constitutes part of that product. **NO Passed 263-136**

> **863 9/07/07 H.R. 1908** Changing the system of awarding patents from the current first-to-invent system to a first-to-file system. It creates a new post-grant review process that eases the requirement to challenge the validity of patents after they are granted and apportion damages according to a patent's contribution to the overall value of a product. The bill also limits the venue in which suits could be filed for patent infringement to the judicial district in which the defendant resides or operates. **NO Passed 220-175**

> **864 9/07/07 H.R. 2669** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that cuts government subsidies to student loan firms by about \$20 billion and redirects most of the money to aid for students and college graduates. It also includes \$750 million in federal budget deficit reduction. The maximum Pell grant award will be increased by \$490 in 2008 and by \$1,090 over five years. It provides debt forgiveness to certain public-sector workers after 10 years of service. The bill also caps student loan repayments at 15 percent of discretionary income. **NO Passed 292-97**

> **865 9/10/07 H. Res. 257** Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month for November. **YES Passed\* 330-0**

> **866 9/10/07 H. Res. 643** Recognizing Sept. 11 as a day of remembrance, extending sympathies to those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks, honoring the actions of first responders and armed forces, and expressing gratitude to the nations that have helped the United States combat terrorism. **YES Passed\* 334-1**

> **867 9/17/07 H.R. 3246** Creating five new government regional development commissions at a cost of \$1.25 billion from FY2008 through 2012. **NO Failed\* 225-152**

> **868 9/17/07 H.R. 1657** Creating a science and technology scholarship program to prepare recipients for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research and satellite programs.

**YES Passed\* 360-16**

> **869 9/17/07 H.R. 3527** Extending through Nov. 30, 2007 the authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to issue political risk insurance and to finance investments in developing countries and emerging market economies with direct loans and loan guarantees. **YES Passed\* 347-30**

**YES Passed\* 347-30**

> **873 9/18/07 H.R. 1852** An amendment to strike language that would redirect Federal Housing Administration mortgage lending surpluses to an affordable-housing fund. **YES Failed 148-280**

**YES Failed 148-280**

> **874 9/18/07 H.R. 1852** Substitute amendment to overhaul the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) mortgage lending practices and require the FHA to base each borrower's mortgage insurance premiums on the risk that the borrower poses to the FHA Mortgage Insurance Fund. Mortgage insurance premiums would have been based on borrower's credit history, loan-to-value ratio, debt-to-income ratio and on FHA's historical experience with similar borrowers. **YES Failed 175-252**

**YES Failed 175-252**

> **875 9/18/07 H.R. 1852** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be promptly reported back with language that would require any individual or household receiving money from the affordable-housing fund to present verification of legal residency by a government-issued identification document. **YES Failed 209-216**

**YES Failed 209-216**

> **876 9/18/07 H.R. 1852** Overhauling the Federal Housing Administration's mortgage lending practices and designating certain agency surpluses for an affordable-housing fund. The measure raises loan limits in high-cost areas for FHA-backed loans, allows the agency to support zero-down loans and varies the premiums it charges borrowers based on their credit risk. It also permits lower monthly payments for borrowers who make on-time payments for the first five years of a loan. **YES Passed 348-72**

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> **877 9/18/07 H.R. 3096** Capping non-humanitarian assistance to Vietnam at 2007 levels until the president submits a report showing that Vietnam has made "substantial progress" in respecting religious freedom, property rights and human rights. **YES Passed\* 414-3**

**YES Passed\* 414-3**

> **881 9/19/07 H.R. 2761** An amendment to make technical and conforming changes, including requiring the Department of Homeland Security to certify acts of nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism and using the Consumer Price Index to adjust for inflation the dollar amounts used to determine the deductible amount. **YES Passed 426-1**

**YES Passed 426-1**

> **882 9/19/07 H.R. 2761** An amendment to increase the program's yearly deductible by 1 percent each year. **YES Failed 194-230**

**YES Failed 194-230**

> **883 9/19/07 H.R. 2761** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be promptly reported back with language to ensure that the bill complies with the House's pay-as-you-go requirements by requiring the enactment of a joint resolution to permit federal compensation under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **YES Failed 196-228**

**YES Failed 196-228**

> **884 9/19/07 H.R. 2761** Reauthorizing the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act for 15 years. The bill sets the amount of losses that would trigger federal aid to insurance companies at \$50 million. It sets the deductible for attacks certified by the Homeland Security Department as nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological at 3.5 percent of

## Blunt: Solutions to High Energy Costs are Found in New Supply, Not New Taxes.

As the price of oil marches steadily toward \$100 a barrel, millions of Americans facing the prospect of record-high home heating costs this winter. Consumers are looking to Congress to produce an energy bill that makes use of the resources and technology we have available – and find a way to deliver affordable energy to those who will soon find themselves in desperate need of it.

As the leader of the U.S. House's Energy Action Team (HEAT), Congressman Blunt has taken the lead in urging his colleagues to write an energy bill with

the needs and interests of American consumers in mind. That means doing what's necessary to clear the way for greater access to energy reserves at home, while making sure that resources remain available for the development of biofuels and alternative energy both now and in the future – a good bit of which will be produced right here in Missouri.

the damages. The bill also adds group life insurance to policies backed by the government for which terrorism insurance coverage must be made available by insurers. **YES Passed 312-110**

**YES Passed 312-110**

> **889 9/19/07 H.R. 2881** An amendment to require the Federal Aviation Administration to study and report to Congress on the feasibility of developing a publicly accessible Web-based resource that offers information regarding installation of wind turbines near aviation sites. **YES Passed 418-0**

**YES Passed 418-0**

> **890 9/19/07 H.R. 2881** Authorizing \$68 billion over four years for the Federal Aviation Administration. The bill changes the process of labor negotiations between the agency and air traffic controllers, barring the imposition of new work rules if labor negotiations between the agency and controllers reach an impasse and requiring binding arbitration if an agreement is not reached. It raises the general aviation fuel tax from 21.8 cents per gallon to 35.9 cents per gallon, and the commercial aviation fuel tax from 19.3 cents per gallon to 24.1 cents per gallon. **NO Passed 267-151**

**NO Passed 267-151**

> **891 9/24/07 H. Con. Res. 193** Recognizing hunters in the United States for their continued commitment to safety. **YES Passed\* 385-0**

**YES Passed\* 385-0**

> **892 9/24/07 H. Res. 668** Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Little Rock Nine's efforts to desegregate Little Rock Central High School on Sept. 25, 1957 and pledges the commitment of the House to advancing equal education opportunity. **YES Passed\* 387-0**

**YES Passed\* 387-0**

> **893 9/24/07 H.R. 1199** Reauthorizing a Justice Department grant program for drug-endangered children. It authorizes \$20 million annually for FY2008 and 2009 for grants to states to increase coordination among workers transitioning drug-endangered children into safe residential environments. **YES Passed\* 389-4**



As negotiations on this year's energy bill continue, Blunt will be insisting that any policy Congress agrees to accomplish three major objectives: 1) add new energy to the pipeline so that prices can be moderated and energy supply markets can be made less volatile; 2) conservation of energy should be encouraged, but not by punishing American consumers with new taxes and new regulations designed to make it more expensive to heat their homes and drive their cars; and 3) in times of shortage, gasoline ought to be gasoline – not a special blend for St. Louis, versus a different one for Springfield, versus another separate formulation for Kansas City.

Blunt believes the solutions to our nation's energy problems don't come from new taxes, mandates, and regulations on energy. They come from securing and producing more of it, while at the same time working together to conserve and better utilize as much as we can. Over these next few weeks, Blunt will be advocating a policy that promotes precisely that.

> **894 9/24/07 H. Res. 340** Stating that the House is committed to giving a voice to victims in missing persons cases and unidentified human remains cases. **YES Passed\* 389-1**

**YES Passed\* 389-1**

> **895 9/25/07 H.R. 1400** Increasing the enforcement and implementation of existing U.S. sanctions against Iran by removing presidential authority to waive sanctions under current law and preventing the administration from signing nuclear cooperation agreements with any nation that aids Iran's nuclear or missile programs. **YES Passed\* 397-16**

**YES Passed\* 397-16**

> **896 9/25/07 H. Res. 584** Supporting the goals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month. **YES Passed\* 412-1**

**YES Passed\* 412-1**

> **897 9/25/07 H. Con. Res. 210** Supporting the goals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. **YES Passed\* 415-0**

**YES Passed\* 415-0**

> **898 9/25/07 H. Res. 663** Supporting the goals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day. **YES Passed\* 410-0**

**YES Passed\* 410-0**

> **899 9/25/07 H. Res. 548** Condemning Hezbollah and other pro-Syrian groups and expressing support for the democratically-elected government of Lebanon. **YES Passed\* 415-2**

**YES Passed\* 415-2**

> **900 9/25/07 H. Res. 642** Expressing sympathy for the people and governments of Latin America for the humanitarian and economic devastation left in the wake of Hurricanes Dean, Felix and Henriette. **YES Passed\* 418-0**

**YES Passed\* 418-0**

> **901 9/25/07 H. Res. 557** Urging the United Nations Human Rights Council to remove Israel from its permanent agenda and to hold special sessions to address other countries where human rights abuses are being committed. **YES Passed\* 416-2**

**YES Passed\* 416-2**

> **902 9/25/07 H. Res. 675** Tabling (kill) the Rogers, R-Mich., appeal of the ruling of the chair against the Rogers point of order that the rule to provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill violates House rules concerning earmarks. **NO Passed 224-190**

> **906 9/25/07 H.R. 976** Concurring in the Senate amendment, with an amendment. The House amendment reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program at \$60 billion over five years, expanding the program by \$35 billion. It expands eligibility beyond 300 percent of poverty. To offset the cost of the expansion, it increases the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 per pack and raises taxes on other tobacco products. This bill fails to ensure that illegal immigrants don't have access; and includes a budget gimmick that would put the program at risk. **NO Passed 265-159**

> **907 9/25/07 H. Res. 590** Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States. **YES Passed\* 395-0**

> **910 9/26/07 H. J. Res. 52** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to express the sense of the House that it recognizes and honors the service of Gen. David H. Petraeus and the U.S. armed forces, condemns the advocacy group MoveOn.org for the attack advertisement against him, and commits to judge his sworn testimony and any further debate on a supplemental funding request or policy decisions regarding the war in Iraq without personal bias. **YES Passed 341-79**

> **911 9/26/07 H. J. Res. 52** Extending spending authority at FY2007 levels through Nov. 16 for those agencies and programs whose FY2008 appropriations bills have not been enacted. It appropriates funds to continue the State Children's Health Insurance Program through Nov. 16. The measure extends defense spending, including the supplemental FY2007 appropriation for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and appropriates \$5.2 billion, through Sept. 30, 2008, to continue production and purchase of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles. It also extends the authority to collect aviation-related taxes and expends the resulting revenue on aviation programs for the period of the resolution. **YES Passed 404-14**

> **912 9/26/07 H.R. 2693** An amendment to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to wait until the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health concludes there is sufficient data to support a recommended exposure limit and establishes such a limit before OSHA issues a final standard. **YES Failed 189-233**

> **913 9/26/07 H.R. 2693** Requiring the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue standards regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, used in artificial butter flavoring. The final standard, due within two years of the bill's enactment, will apply to all establishments involved in flavoring manufacturing and has to include worker safety requirements. The measure also requires the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to conduct a study on flavorings used in microwave popcorn. **YES Passed 260-154**

> **919 9/27/07 H.R. 3121** An amendment to allow multiple peril and flood insurance coverage of apartment buildings with a maximum coverage limit equal to the total number of dwelling units in the building multiplied by the maximum coverage limit per unit. **NO Passed 268-143**

> **920 9/27/07 H.R. 3121** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to specify that three conditions must be met before multiple peril coverage can be made available: the national flood

insurance program must be certified as actuarially sound, the premiums in flood insurance programs must not increase and the wind insurance must be certified as actuarially sound. **YES Failed 179-232**

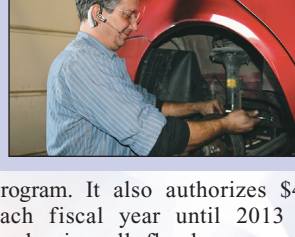
> **921 9/27/07 H.R. 3121** Reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program through FY2013. The bill increases the current limits on coverage that may be purchased by homeowners and businesses. It expands the Flood Insurance program to include a new government wind insurance

## Largest Tax Hike in American History to Force Families to Spend More on Washington Priorities

Two Southwest Missouri families say they would prefer to spend the money they earn on their family's priorities and not on Washington's priorities. Congressman Roy Blunt agrees: "Families know how to spend their money better than Washington does. The hardworking people of the country grow the economy and create jobs, not the government."

The 2008 budget proposed by Democrats includes a minimum tax increase of more than \$300 billion. "Not only does the budget impose the largest tax increase in U.S. history, but it includes a nearly unprecedented increase in new spending, as well," Blunt said. "Not many Missourians I've talked to think they're taxed too little right now – but too many of my colleagues in Congress seem to think exactly that. And they've produced a budget plan they think will fix that."

Additionally, the Democratic chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee is proposing to raise new taxes on small business owners and married couples – all so he can justify lowering taxes on some other segment of the population. Blunt believes that taxes should be cut across the board, for everyone who pays them – and is currently fighting in Congress to ensure the majority's new tax hike plan does not have a chance to become law.



Craig and Julie Brassfield, who operate Andrew's Custom Muffler and Brakes in Springfield, would be hit



by the return of the marriage penalty, elimination of the 10 percent tax bracket, and reductions in the child tax credit. Ending that tax relief could easily increase the Brassfields' tax bill by \$2,200 per year. "It will hurt us; no doubt about it," Craig Brassfield said. "That is the equivalent of what I spend each year on car and life insurance." Julie Brassfield added, "It would keep us from reaching our goal of adding health care insurance, which

we do not have now." The Brassfields have a seven-year-old son, Andrew.

Duane and Lacinda Linch of Stark City with their three children—Devan, age 10, Cameron, age 8 and Preston, 4 months—could see their federal income taxes increase by more than \$2,300 per year. "We'll feel that every month," Lacinda Linch said. "I purchase \$82 worth of diapers a month and home schooling supplies. It also means we won't be able to reduce our debt as we had planned."

Blunt added, "These tax hikes will rob thousands of families like the Brassfields and Linches of the ability to meet family goals and priorities—all to fund even more spending in Washington."

Among those who will experience a tax increase if the proposed plan becomes law:

- 26 million small business owners, by an average of \$3,960.
- 48 million married couples, by an average of \$2,899.
- 42 million families with children, by an average of \$2,181.
- 12 million single women with children, by an average of \$1,082.
- 17 million senior citizens, by an average of \$2,270.

Bixler, who was killed in Iraq on May 4, 2006. **YES Passed\* 379-0**

> **927 10/2/07 H.R. 3087** Requiring the Defense secretary to submit a report to congressional defense committees on the status of planning for the redeployment of U.S. armed forces from Iraq within 60 days of the bill's enactment, and every 90 days thereafter. **YES Passed\* 377-46**

> **928 10/2/07 H. Res. 635** Recognizing the Islamic faith. It acknowledges the onset of Ramadan and expresses deepest respect to Muslims in the United States and throughout the world on the occasion. **YES Passed\* 376-0**

> **929 10/2/07 H. Con. Res. 203** Condemning the government of Iran for the arrest and incarceration of Iranian union leaders Mahmoud Salehi and Mansour Osanloo, and demanding their immediate release. It also ex-

presses solidarity with the workers of Iran. **YES Passed\* 418-1**

> **930 10/2/07 H.R. 2828** Authorizing the State Department to pay \$940,000 in compensation to a family of a U.S. citizen killed while serving on a U.S. diplomatic or consular mission abroad between Jan. 1, 1998, and the date of the bill's enactment. **YES Passed\* 409-12**

> **931 10/2/07 H. Con. Res. 200** Calling for the immediate release of political prisoner Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by the military regime in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, and urging the Chinese government and United Nations Security Council to take appropriate action to respond to the growing threat in Myanmar. **YES Passed\* 413-2**

> **935 10/3/07 H.R. 928** An amendment to provide that the Justice Department's inspector general is not required to refer allegations of misconduct involving department attorneys and related personnel when the allegations relate to the authority of an attorney to investigate, litigate or provide legal advice to the department's Counsel of the Office of Professional Responsibility. **NO Passed 217-192**

> **936 10/3/07 H.R. 928** Motion to recommit the bill to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to require inspectors general to report to Congress annually on any savings they can find within federal programs and agencies that would contribute to reducing the federal deficit. The inspectors general would be required to accompany those reports with proposed legislation to encourage Congress to act on those recommendations. **YES Passed 274-144**

> **937 10/3/07 H.R. 928** Limiting the reasons for which inspectors general could be fired and setting a fixed term of seven years, but permitting reappointments. It separates all inspectors' general budgets from the agencies they oversee, providing for their direct submission to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress. It also creates an Integrity Committee that will be required to review allegations of misconduct by inspectors general or their senior staff and report substantiated allegations to the executive branch. **YES Passed 404-11**

> **938 10/3/07 H.R. 976** Motion to postpone further consideration of a veto override until Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, on the bill that would reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program at nearly \$60 billion over five years, expanding the program by \$35 billion. **NO Passed 222-197**

> **939 10/4/07 H.R. 2740** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to specify that nothing shall be construed to affect intelligence activities that are otherwise permissible prior to the bill's enactment. **YES Passed 342-75**

> **940 10/4/07 H.R. 2740** Giving U.S. federal civilian courts jurisdiction over actions by U.S. government contractors working in foreign countries in which U.S. military forces are conducting combat operations. It subjects employees of all such contractors to the same authority established by the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, which covers members of the armed forces, civilian federal employees and Defense Department contractors. It institutes a "theater investigative unit" within the FBI for each military theater of operations required to investigate allegations of misconduct by government contract workers. **YES Passed 389-30**

> **945 10/4/07 H.R. 3246** Motion to re-

commit the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions that it be promptly reported back with language that would guarantee that no funds authorized go towards lobbyists or lobbying activities. **YES Failed 201-218**

> **946 10/4/07 H.R. 3246** Authorizing \$1.25 billion through FY2012 for five new regional development commissions. **NO Passed 264-154**

> **947 10/4/07 H.R. 3648** Motion to recommend the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to strike the bill's tax increase by striking sections to change the tax treatment of capital gains from the sale of a primary residence that was originally used as a second home or rental property. **YES Failed 201-212**

> **948 10/4/07 H.R. 3648** Changing tax law by excluding any mortgage debts forgiven or canceled by lenders, through renegotiation or foreclosure, from a homeowner's taxable income. It also extends through 2014 a provision in existing law that allows taxpayers to deduct private mortgage insurance premiums from their taxes and makes it easier to qualify as a cooperative housing corporation. The bill also raises taxes by changing the tax treatment of capital gains from the sale of a primary residence that was originally used as a second home or rental property. **NO Passed 386-27**

> **949 10/9/07 H. Res. 32** Denouncing gender-based persecutions, including female mutilation, domestic violence, "honor" killings and dowry deaths and expressing the sense of the House that regardless of religion, geography or form of government, women should not be denied equal rights. **YES Passed\* 378-0**

> **950 10/9/07 H.R. 400** Banning contractors from knowingly defrauding or attempting to defraud the U.S. government or a provisional authority while supporting U.S. missions abroad. Violators will be subject to up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$1 million or twice the gross profits of the contract, whichever is greater. **YES Passed\* 375-3**

> **955 10/10/07 H.R. 2895** An amendment to establish a state minimum allocation percentage where every state will receive at least 0.5 percent of total funds available each year. It also requires that the mixed-income limitation capping the number of units initially rented to extremely low-income families at 50 percent apply to the total number of units in a project. **YES Passed 418-2**

> **956 10/10/07 H.R. 2895** Substitute amendment to create a national affordable-housing grant fund within the HOME program, administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **YES Failed 163-257**

> **957 10/10/07 H.R. 2895** Motion to recommend the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would require family members at least 18 years old, with certain exceptions, to perform at least 20 hours of approved work activities per month as a condition of receiving affordable-housing trust fund assistance. **YES Failed 199-218**

> **958 10/10/07 H.R. 2895** Establishing a new \$1.3 billion affordable-housing trust fund to provide assistance for the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing for low-income families. It requires HUD to establish a formula to allocate the trust fund among states, local jurisdictions, American Indian tribes and U.S. territories based on their relative needs. **NO Passed 264-148**

> **959 10/10/07 H.R. 3056** Motion to re-

commit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to permanently repeal the death tax. **YES Failed 196-212**

> **960 10/10/07 H.R. 3056** Rescinding the authority of the IRS to enter into contracts with private companies to collect debts. It delays from 2011 to 2012 a requirement that federal, state and local governments withhold 3 percent of their payments for certain goods and services. The bill includes several provisions to offset costs. **NO Passed 232-173**

> **961 10/15/07 H. Res. 738** Condemning efforts by pro-Syrian elements to overthrow the democratically-elected government of Lebanon, calling on the international community to support Lebanese sovereignty and urging the president of the United States to help peacefully safeguard Lebanon. **YES Passed\* 375-5**

> **962 10/15/07 H.R. 2089** Designating a post office in New Orleans, La., as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office." **YES Passed\* 383-0**

> **963 10/15/07 H.R. 20** Directing the National Institutes of Health to conduct research on the cause of postpartum depression, improving diagnostic techniques and performing clinical research for the development of new treatments. It authorizes \$3 million in FY2008 and such sums as necessary in FY2009 and 2010. **YES Passed\* 382-3**

> **968 10/16/07 H.R. 3678** Extending for four years, through Nov. 1, 2011, the ban on state and local taxes on Internet access, as well as preventing most state and local governments from collecting taxes on electronic commerce such as cable modem and digital subscriber lines. **YES Passed\* 405-2**

> **972 10/16/07 H.R. 2102** Motion to recommend the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to allow a federal court to consider the extent of any harm to national security when deciding if nondisclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. **YES Passed 388-33**

> **973 10/16/07 H.R. 2102** Creating a qualified privilege for journalists that prevents them from being legally compelled to provide testimony or documents that reveals their confidential sources, unless a court finds one of several exceptions applies. Those include cases in which obtaining the information is necessary to prevent acts of terrorism, breaches of national security, imminent death or severe bodily harm. When information is sought for a criminal investigation or prosecution, there would have to be "reasonable grounds" that a crime has occurred, and the targeted documents or testimony would have to be "critical" to the investigation, prosecution or defense. **YES Passed 398-21**

> **976 10/17/07 H. Res. 549** Supporting the goals of America's Waterway Watch program and recognizing the importance of maintaining a heightened sense of awareness in the maritime domain. **YES Passed\* 420-0**

> **978 10/17/07 H. Con. Res. 182** Commending the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., on the celebration of its 90th anniversary. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **979 10/17/07 H.R. 2095** Motion to recommend the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would bar the use of funds to change the name of the Federal Railroad Administration. **YES Failed 198-222**

> **980 10/17/07 H.R. 2095** Authorizing \$1.1 billion for the Federal Railroad Administra-

tion from FY2008 through 2011 and reauthorizing rail safety programs. It also renames the agency the Federal Railroad Safety Administration and nearly doubles the number of rail safety inspection and enforcement personnel. Labor rules for rail workers now requires 10 hours of rest during a 24-hour period, prohibits shifts of more than 12 hours and mandates one day off per week. It also places limits on "limbo time," the on-duty hours in which workers are transported back to officially complete their shifts. **YES Passed 377-38**

> **982 10/18/07 H.R. 976** Passage, over President Bush's Oct. 3, 2007 veto, of the bill that would have reauthorized the State Children's Health Insurance Program at nearly \$60 billion over five years, expanding the program by \$35 billion. It would have expanded eligibility beyond 300 percent of poverty. To offset the cost of the expansion, it would have increased the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 per pack and raised taxes on other tobacco products. This bill failed to ensure that illegal immigrants wouldn't have access; and included a budget gimmick that would have put the program at risk. **NO Fail 273-156**

> **983 10/22/07 H.R. 189** Establishing the Paterson Great Falls National Park in Paterson, N.J., as a unit of the National Park System. The National Park Service previously determined that this site did not meet the standards for a National Park. **NO Passed\* 256-122**

> **984 10/22/07 H.R. 523** Requiring the Interior secretary to convey certain public land located within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1, in Douglas County, Wash., to the utility district. **YES Passed\* 377-0**

> **985 10/22/07 H. Res. 762** Supporting the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week. **YES Passed\* 375-0**

> **986 10/23/07 H. Res. 767** Motion to table (kill) the Boehner, R-Ohio, privileged resolution that would have censured Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., for his remarks during Oct. 18 floor debate concerning U.S. troops fighting in Iraq. **NO Passed 196-173**

> **987 0/23/07 H.R. 327** Concurring with the Senate amendment to require the Veterans Affairs (VA) secretary to develop and implement a comprehensive program to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans. It requires the VA to provide training to make employees and contractors aware of suicide risk factors and protocols for crisis situations involving veterans at risk for suicide. It also authorizes a family outreach program to encourage veterans to seek treatment. **YES Passed\* 417-0**

> **988 10/23/07 H.R. 1808** Designating the VA Medical Center in Augusta, Ga., for former Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga. (1995-2007), who died of cancer Feb. 13, 2007. **YES Passed\* 417-0**

> **989 10/23/07 H. Res. 680** Condemning the Sept. 7, 2007, act of vandalism on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, as well as all attacks upon the memory of veterans and their service to the United States. **YES Passed\* 418-0**

> **993 10/23/07 H.R. 1955** Establishing a National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism to examine and report the causes of such activities without violating civil or constitutional rights. **YES Passed\* 404-6**

> **994 10/23/07 H.R. 1011** Motion to recommend the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language that would ensure that the bill does not prohibit motorized vehicles from responding to an emergency involving a person's

health or safety. **YES Passed 236-178**

> **995 10/24/07 H.R. 1483** Motion to recommend the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language to ensure that lands designated as natural heritage areas would be governed by relevant state and local laws regarding hunting, fishing, and the possession or use of a weapon, trap or net. **YES Passed 344-71**

> **996 10/24/07 H.R. 1483** Establishing six new national heritage areas, authorizing up to \$1 million annually for each area, with a cap of \$15 million per area, or \$90 million for all the areas combined. It increases to \$15 million, from \$10 million, total federal assistance authorized through FY2012 for nine existing national heritage areas. It also authorizes a feasibility study for the Northern Neck area of Virginia and makes changes to existing laws for national heritage areas, including permitting appropriated funds to remain available until expended. **NO Passed 291-122**

> **999 10/24/07 H.R. 505** Motion to recommend the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to apply the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights, federal civil rights and anti-discrimination laws to the new Native Hawaiian Governing Entity created by the bill. **YES Failed 178-235**

> **1000 10/24/07 H.R. 505** Granting Native Hawaiians sovereign status. It establishes a single governing entity to represent Native Hawaiians in negotiations with state and federal governments. Under the bill, natives will be able to elect federally recognized leaders who will coordinate programs and policies with a new bureaucracy within the Interior Department. **NO Passed 261-153**

> **1008 10/25/07 H.R. 3963** Motion to recommend the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language to require that states specify how they will cover 90 percent of all eligible low-income children before expanding SCHIP coverage to higher incomes, include special rules for coverage of children with family incomes above 200 percent of the poverty level and require states to determine eligibility based on gross family income. **YES Failed 164-242**

> **1009 10/25/07 H.R. 3963** Reauthorizing the State Children's Health Insurance Program at nearly \$60 billion over five years, expanding the program by \$35 billion. It expands eligibility beyond 300 percent of poverty. To offset the cost of the expansion, it increases the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 per pack and raises taxes on other tobacco products. This bill fails to ensure that illegal immigrants wouldn't have access; and includes a budget gimmick that puts the program at risk. **NO Passed 265-142**

> **1010 10/29/07 H.R. 3224** Creating a new \$201 million Federal Emergency Management Agency grant program to provide assistance to states for the rehabilitation of state and locally owned deficient dams. **NO Passed\* 263-102**

> **1011 10/29/07 H. Res. 573** Urging the United States to encourage the Sudanese president to accept an international peacekeeping force in Darfur, Sudan and commending U.S. advocacy groups for trying to raise awareness about the genocide there. **YES Passed\* 366-0**

> **1012 10/29/07 H. Res. 747** Recognizing the religious and historical importance of the festival of Diwali. **YES Passed\* 358-0**

> **1014 10/30/07 H.R. 3879** Agreeing to the Senate amendment to extend for seven years, through Nov. 1, 2014, the ban on state and lo-

cal taxes on Internet access, as well as preventing most state and local governments from collecting taxes on electronic commerce such as cable modem and digital subscriber lines. The Senate amendment adjusts the definition of Internet access to include certain Internet services, such as e-mail or home pages, which are provided independently of Internet access. **YES Passed\* 402-0**

> **1015 10/30/07 H.J. Res. 58** Expressing support for the designation of October 2007 as "Country Music Month" and honoring the genre for its support of the military. **YES Passed\* 398-0**

> **1016 10/30/07 H.R. 3867** Motion to recommend the bill to the Small Business Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to strike a section to eliminate priority for contracts between government agencies and businesses in low-income and high unemployment areas (HUD zones). **YES Failed 177-240**

> **1017 10/30/07 H.R. 3867** Reauthorizing contracting programs at the Small Business Administration (SBA) and increasing the limit on federal contracts for goods and services awarded without competition to \$5.1 million. It provides for sole-source contracting without competitive bidding to certain businesses owned by minorities or disabled veterans and limits competition for federal contracts to women-owned businesses. The measure also allows small businesses to challenge the awarding of a federal contract under specific SBA programs to other small businesses. **NO Passed 334-80**

> **1018 10/30/07 H.R. 3307** Designating a post office located in Bayonne, N.J., for Dennis P. Collins, who served as mayor from 1974 through 1990. **YES Passed\* 414-0**

> **1019 10/30/07 H.R. 3446** Designating a post office in Marshall, Mich., for Michael W. Schragg, a postmaster who established the Marshall Postal Museum. **YES Passed\* 415-0**

> **1020 10/30/07 H. Res. 778** Recognizing and honoring those who responded to the Oct. 21, 2007, outbreak of wildfires in southern California and expressing the commitment of the House to the residents of southern California as they begin to rebuild their community and their lives. **YES Passed\* 409-0**

> **1024 10/31/07 H.R. 3920** Substitute amendment to reauthorize and modify Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs for workers, firms and farmers for five years. It increases the federal share of monthly TAA participant premiums for the Health Coverage Tax Credit from 65 percent to 70 percent. It allows states to apply for waivers of unemployment compensation program rules and expand the new markets tax credit to those impacted by trade and globalization job loss. It extends employment and training programs of the Workforce Investment Act and provides for collection of unemployment insurance overpayments. **YES Failed 196-226**

> **1025 10/31/07 H.R. 3920** Reauthorizing and extending through FY2012 Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs for workers laid off due to the impact of foreign trade. It expands eligibility to service workers and government employees to qualify for TAA insurance benefit coverage and provides for a 20 percent increase in health care tax credits for unemployed workers. It also raises funding authority for training programs to \$440 million and increases to 90 days the advanced warning employers must give workers of impending mass layoffs. The bill offsets the cost of the program expansion by raising taxes by \$9.4 billion by extending for three years the current payroll tax that funds unemploy-

ment benefits, and delaying for three years a tax break for companies that also pay taxes overseas. **NO Passed 264-157**

> **1026 10/31/07 H.R. 3043** Motion to instruct House conferees to disagree to any proposal that includes any additional funding or language not referred to the conference or that modifies specific matter beyond the scope that it was referred to the conference committee by either chamber. **YES Failed 191-222**

> **1030 11/1/07 H.R. 2262** An amendment to strike the new definition of "undue degradation," which under the bill would have created a higher standard than under current law for the approval of hard rock mining. **YES Failed 173-244**

> **1031 11/1/07 H.R. 2262** An amendment to strike a section to regulate the mining of industrial minerals, such as limestone and mica, in the same way as the mining of common materials, such as sand and gravel. **YES Failed 175-240**

> **1032 11/1/07 H.R. 2262** Motion to recommit the bill to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would clarify that royalty would apply to minerals used in the manufacture of technology to produce solar or nuclear energy, and delay the bill's effective date until the Interior secretary certifies that the bill would not lead to the loss of American mining-related jobs. **YES Failed 170-240**

> **1033 11/1/07 H.R. 2262** Overhauling federal regulations of hard rock minerals, which include copper, uranium and gold. Mining companies will be required to pay a new royalty for hard rock mines on federal land equal to 8 percent of gross income for new mines and 4 percent of gross income on existing mines that are not fully operational. Two-thirds of the royalties will go towards cleaning abandoned mines. The remainder will be used to provide public facilities and services in areas impacted by hard rock mining. The bill imposes new environmental standards for the industry and expands the types of land on which mining would be prohibited. **NO Passed 244-166**

> **1037 11/5/07 H. Res. 799** Motion to table (prevent the House from debating and voting on) the Kucinich, D-Ohio, privileged resolution that would bring articles of impeachment against Vice President Dick Cheney for "high crimes and misdemeanors." **NO Failed 162-251**

> **1039 11/6/07 H. Res. 799** Motion to refer the Kucinich, D-Ohio, privileged resolution to the Judiciary Committee. The Kucinich resolution would bring articles of impeachment against Vice President Dick Cheney for "high crimes and misdemeanors." **NO Passed 218-194**

> **1040 11/6/07 H.R. 1495** Passage, over President Bush's Nov. 2, 2007, veto, of the bill that authorizes \$23.2 billion for more than 900 water resource development projects and studies by the



Army Corps of Engineers. **NO Passed 361-54**

> **1041 11/6/07 H. Con. Res. 162** Adopting the concurrent resolution that expressing the sense of Congress that basic pay should be increased by 3.5 percent for all members of the military services effective Jan. 1, 2008. **YES Passed\* 409-0**

> **1043 11/6/07 H.R. 3495** Establishing the National Commission on Children and Disasters, as well as authorizing a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, to address the needs of children in disasters and emergency situations. It authorizes \$2 million annually in FY2008 and 2009. **YES Passed\* 402-8**

> **1050 11/6/07 H.R. 3043** Adoption of the conference report that appropriates \$150.7 billion in FY2008 for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and for related agencies; an increase of \$10 billion over the previous year. The bill also diverted IDEA money from classrooms into a new training program. The bill also included \$64.7 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, military construction and military housing. **NO Passed 269-142**

> **1054 11/7/07 H.R. 3685** An amendment that exempts religious corporations, schools, associations and societies from the bill's provisions if they are protected under civil rights laws. It also specifies that the bill would not alter the federal definition of marriage as being between a man and woman. **YES Passed 402-25**

> **1055 11/7/07 H.R. 3685** An amendment that strikes language to prohibit employers from conditioning employment on a person being married or being eligible to be married. **YES Passed 325-101**

> **1056 11/7/07 H.R. 3685** Motion to recommend the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to specify that nothing shall be construed to modify, limit, restrict or overturn any state or federal definition of marriage as between a man and a woman. **YES Failed 198-222**

> **1057 11/7/07 H.R. 3685** Prohibiting job discrimination on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived sexual orientation. It defines sexual orientation as heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality. Employers could be sued to enforce the bill. **NO Passed 235-184**

> **1058 11/7/07 H. Con. Res. 236** Adopting the concurrent resolution that recognizes the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino and commemorates the countries' first bilateral exchange of ambassadors. **YES Passed\* 396-0**

> **1060 11/8/07 H.R. 3688** Implementing a free trade agreement between the United States and Peru. The agreement continues the reduction in tariffs already in place for goods shipped to the U.S. and implements new reductions in tariffs for goods made in the U.S. and sent to Peru.

**YES Passed 285-132**

> **1064 11/8/07 H.R. 3222** Adoption of the conference report that appropriates \$460.3 billion for Defense Department programs in FY2008. The total includes \$140.1 billion for operations and maintenance, \$105.3 billion for military personnel and \$23.5 billion for the Defense Health Program. It includes \$11.6 billion in emergency funding for vehicles to protect troops in Iraq from improvised explosive devices. It also carries appropriations provisions that temporarily fund the rest of the government through Dec. 14 and provides emergency disaster aid. **YES Passed 400-15**

> **1067 11/8/07 H.R. 3074** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on including in the conference report provisions prohibiting the use of funds to hire or provide housing assistance to illegal immigrants. **YES Passed 397-16**

> **1068 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** An amendment to establish the Federal Natural Catastrophe Reinsurance Fund within the Treasury Department authorized to write reinsurance contracts covering catastrophic events. It also adds a risk-based capital requirement for qualified reinsurance programs based on a formula developed in consultation with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. **NO Passed 253-159**

> **1069 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** An amendment to require states to have regulations that develop, maintain and enforce best practices in building codes and address natural disaster exposures, in order for their reinsurance programs to qualify for government loans under the bill. **YES Failed 168-249**

> **1070 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** An amendment to limit the use of catastrophic loans to instances where a qualified reinsurance program has retained losses in excess of the amount of losses that would result from a single event of a catastrophic peril covered by the program of such magnitude that it has a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any year. **YES Failed 172-245**

> **1071 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** An amendment to prohibit state reinsurance funds from receiving disaster loans if a state is delinquent on repayment of disaster loans made under the bill, or on disaster loans from other federal entities. **YES Failed 176-242**

> **1072 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** Substitute amendment to replace the underlying bill with a 16-member Commission on Natural Catastrophe Risk Management and Insurance to examine the natural catastrophe insurance marketplace and provide a report to Congress. **YES Failed 166-246**

> **1073 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** Motion to recommend the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be reported back forthwith with language to clarify that a program would only be considered a qualified reinsurance program if the Treasury secretary certifies that the program does not result in individuals in any geographic region subsidizing other individuals including those in coastal areas. **YES Failed 175-239**

> **1074 11/8/07 H.R. 3355** Authorizing \$120 million over six years for a National Catastrophe Risk Consortium to assist state reinsurance entities and the private market coordinate available reinsurance contracts. The measure establishes the National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program to make government loans to state reinsurance programs. **NO Passed 258-155**

> **1075 11/8/07 H.R. 3043** Concurring with the Senate amendment and passing the bill that appropriates \$150.7 billion in FY2008 for the de-

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and for related agencies; \$63.6 billion for the Education Department; \$15 billion for the Labor Department; and \$30 billion for the National Institutes of Health. The bill increases spending by \$10 billion over the previous year. **NO Passed 274-141**

> **1076 11/8/07 H.R. 3093** Motion to instruct House conferees to recede to a section of the Senate-passed bill to bar the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from suing employers for requiring employees to speak English. **YES Passed 218-186**

> **1081 11/9/07 H.R. 3996** Imposing a new permanent tax hike of \$81 billion and provides a one-year adjustment to exempt an additional 21 million taxpayers from paying the alternative minimum tax on income from 2007. It extends several expiring tax provisions for one year. **NO Passed 216-193**

> **1082 11/13/07 H.R. 3315** Designating the Capitol Visitor Center's main hallway, currently known as the Great Hall, as "Emancipation Hall" in recognition of the slaves who helped build the Capitol. **YES Passed\* 398-6**

> **1083 11/13/07 H.R. 1593** Authorizing \$362 million over the next two years for numerous grant programs for states and localities to improve treatment of inmates and help them prepare for their release into society. It also authorizes \$20 million over that time for the Bureau of Prisons to develop a new system to help federal prisoners re-enter society. **YES Passed\* 347-62**

> **1084 11/13/07 H.R. 3403** Requiring Voice-over-Internet-Protocol (VoIP) providers to provide 9-1-1 service and enhanced 9-1-1 service to subscribers. It allows VoIP to access the nation's existing 9-1-1 infrastructure, not only to deliver 9-1-1 calls, but also to provide location and callback information for those calls. **YES Passed\* 406-1**

> **1085 11/13/07 H.R. 3461** Authorizing \$5 million for the Federal Trade Commission to launch an Internet safety campaign to raise public awareness on online commerce, threats to financial information and privacy, threats from cyber-crime and threats to juveniles, such as online predators. **YES Passed\* 398-6**

> **1087 11/14/07 H. Res. 812** Expressing condolences to the victims of the recent flood in southern Mexico. **YES Passed\* 421-0**

> **1088 11/14/07 H.R. 3320** Authorizing \$5 million for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the State Department to be made available for the development of the permanent collection of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland. **YES Passed\* 407-13**

> **1089 11/14/07 H. Res. 811** Condemning the Nov. 6, 2007, attack in the Baghlan province of Afghanistan and expresses condolences to the victims. The measure reaffirms the long-term commitment of the United States and calls on other nations to strengthen their efforts to improve security, governance, and economic development in Afghanistan. **YES Passed\* 418-0**

> **1090 11/13/07 H.R. 1429** Adoption of the conference report that authorizes \$7.4 billion in FY2008, \$7.7 billion in 2009, \$7.9 billion in 2010, and unspecified sums in FY2011 and 2012 for the Head Start program. It increases salaries of Head Start teachers and requires that by 2013, at least 50 percent of Head Start teachers nationwide have at least a baccalaureate degree in early childhood education or a related field. It requires the Health and Human Services Department to convene a panel of experts to devise a new application review system and update the current system of standards and assessment. **YES Passed 381-36**

> **1091 11/13/07 H.R. 3845** Establishing the office of a special counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Justice Department. The measure also authorizes additional computer forensic labs and requires the hiring of additional FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. **YES Passed\* 415-2**

> **1092 11/13/07 H.R. 719** Requiring the registration of "online identifiers" of sex offenders, such as e-mail and instant messaging addresses, which will be listed on a sex offender's online profile. Failure to register such identifiers is punishable by a fine or up to 10 years imprisonment. **YES Passed\* 417-0**

> **1097 11/14/07 H. Res. 817** Motion to table (kill) the L. Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., motion to reconsider the vote to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 817) to provide for House consideration the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$105.6 billion in FY2008 for the departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies. **NO Passed 221-196**

> **1099 11/14/07 H. Res. 817** Motion to table (kill) the L. Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., motion to reconsider the vote on adoption of the rule (H. Res. 817) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report that would appropriate \$105.6 billion in FY2008 for the departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies. **NO Passed 213-194**

> **1101 11/14/07 H.R. 3074** Motion to recommit the conference report on the bill to the conference committee. **YES Failed 182-231**

> **1102 11/14/07 H.R. 3074** Adoption of the conference report that appropriates \$105.6 billion in FY2008, including \$51 billion in discretionary spending, for the departments of Housing and Urban Development and Transportation, and related agencies. The bill is a \$3.2 billion or 7% increase over last year. The conference report also struck a House provision to require that entities funded verify that they do not employ illegal aliens. **NO Passed 270-147**

> **1105 11/14/07 H.R. 4120** Clarifying that it is a federal felony to possess, produce or distribute child pornography, including transmission over the Internet, in any way that constitutes or affects interstate commerce. **YES Passed\* 409-0**

> **1107 11/14/07 H.R. 4146** Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language to remove the Congressional timeline for troop withdrawal, Congressional standards for troop readiness and application of the Army field manual provisions for the treatment of detainees to all federal agencies. **YES Failed 192-231**

> **1108 11/14/07 H.R. 4146** Appropriating \$50 billion in emergency supplemental funds for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan until Feb. 1, 2008. The bill requires troops to begin withdrawing from Iraq within 30 days of enactment. The measure restricts U.S. armed forces to missions of force protection, counterterrorism and training of Iraqi security forces. It also prohibits the deployment of troops who are not fully trained and equipped, and requires all U.S. personnel, including CIA, to follow the Army field manual's rules concerning treatment of detainees. **NO Passed 218-203**

> **1112 11/15/07 H.R. 3915** An amendment to make lenders liable for increased damages under the bill's liability provisions. **NO Failed 169-250**

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT First Baby Boomer Applies for Social Security

On October 15, 2007, Kathleen Casey-Kirschling, a New Jersey woman generally considered to be the nation's first boomer formerly applied for Social Security benefits, in anticipation of her 62nd birthday on January 1, 2008. She is the first of an estimated 75 to 80 million people who will apply for Social Security benefits in the next two decades. More than half will seek early retirement at age 62.

"This is the start of a deluge of new Social Security spending – obligations the current program, on its present course, will not be able to meet. Up until now, the extraordinary challenges posed by runaway entitlements have been expressed through theories and extrapolations. Very soon, the guessing game will end – as in just a few short months,

> **1115 11/15/07 H.R. 3915** An amendment to strike the bill's rebuttable presumption, to allow borrowers to challenge certain sections of their residential mortgages if they qualify as a safe harbor mortgage. **YES Failed 188-229**

> **1116 11/15/07 H.R. 3915** An amendment to strike the section that prohibits prepayment penalties on loans regulated under the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA) with principal amounts below the Federal Housing Administration loan limit for a given geographical area. The section also prohibits balloon payments on high-cost mortgages, unless the payment schedule is adjusted to the seasonal or irregular income of the consumer. **YES Failed 168-245**

> **1117 1/15/07 H.R. 3915** Motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language to require a creditor to verify the identity of an individual seeking a residential mortgage loan. **YES Failed 188-231**

> **1118 11/15/07 H.R. 3915** Creating a nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry to require licensing and registration of individual mortgage brokers and bank employees who originate mortgages. The measure requires the Housing and Urban Development Department to establish a backup licensing system for loan originators in states that do not have a system that meets the minimum standards for state-licensed loan originators. It establishes minimum standards for home loans and expands certain limits on high-cost mortgages and opens brokers and mortgage holders to being sued to enforce the bill. It also prohibits brokers from steering consumers to mortgages that are not deemed best for the consumer. **NO Passed 291-127**

> **1119 11/15/07 H.R. 3773** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to permit the intelligence community to conduct surveillance of any person concerning an imminent attack on the United State, its citizens, armed forces or allies, by Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda, members of the al-Quds Force of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or any other terrorist or foreign terrorist organization. **YES Failed 194-222**

> **1120 11/15/07 H.R. 3773** Amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which governs federal government surveillance activities of foreigners. The bill specifies that no warrant is needed to conduct surveillance on foreigners abroad. A court order is required, however, to survey any communication in which one or more of the parties involved in the communication are located within the United States, or if one or more U.S. persons, regardless of location,

millions of Americans begin collecting the benefits for which they've worked their entire adult lives," Congressman Blunt said.

"What remains to be seen is how we put the program back on sound financial footing for the millions of younger workers paying into it right now. It's my view that we've reached a crucial time in our nation's history – a moment that demands real leadership and hard decision-making to rein in profligate spending and ensure the program remains solvent."

The annual Social Security report says the Trust Fund will begin running deficits in 2018 requiring that the IOUs in the trust fund be cashed in to cover the cost of benefits.

participates in the communication. It creates a new "blanket" warrant program allowing the government to conduct surveillance on groups of foreign targets who may contact people in the United States, and surveillance could include communications of such individuals. The measure also establishes new oversight responsibilities for the FISA court and Congress. **NO Passed 227-189**

> **1121 11/15/07 H.R. 4136** Allowing federal money laundering laws to be applied in certain cases involving the production of child pornography. It would modify the legal definition of the term "possess" in regard to unlawful possession of child pornography, to include using a computer to access, with the intent to view, child pornography. **YES Passed\* 416-0**

> **1122 11/15/07 H.R. 3043** Passage, over President Bush's Nov. 13, 2007, veto, of the bill that would have appropriated \$150.7 billion in FY2008 for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and related agencies. It would have provided \$63.6 billion for the Education Department, including \$14.5 billion for Pell Grants; \$15 billion for the Labor Department, including \$3.6 billion for training and employment services; and \$30 billion for the National Institutes of Health. **NO Failed 277-141**

Votes taken after December 3, 2007 can be read online at [http://blunt.house.gov/Media/Vote\\_Justifications/110th1st.pdf](http://blunt.house.gov/Media/Vote_Justifications/110th1st.pdf). For a complete list of all recorded votes taken by Congressman Blunt since 1997, visit [blunt.house.gov](http://blunt.house.gov), then click on Roy's Voting Record.

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## Social Security Administration Opens New Offices in Southwest Missouri

Southwest Missouri has two new modern Social Security offices with more privacy for patrons and more parking. Regional Social Security Administration Commissioner Michael Grochowski said, "It is fairly unique for one congressional district to get two new Social Security offices in one year." The new facilities are designed to keep up with rapid growth in the Social Security population.

Social Security pumps more than \$1.1 billion each year in benefits into the Southwest Missouri economy. More than 165,000 Southwest Missourians receive a Social Security check each month.

### Springfield

The Springfield Social Security office opened on April 12 at the corner of Battlefield Road and Kansas Expressway.

Office manager Ron Ponds told Congressman Roy Blunt that the new facilities are superior to the old downtown location which had little parking for employees and patrons, and no room for expansion.

"We have nearly unlimited parking at the new location and inside we have 20 individual interview stations which improves privacy when discussing client cases," Ponds said. "We were able to expand our reception area to five stations compared to just two at the old office. These facilities give us the ability to better serve our Social Security clients."

The Springfield Social Security Office has 59 employees serving 18 counties.



### Joplin

The Joplin Social Security office located south of Interstate 44 off Range Line Road was dedicated on August 30.

The 19,000 square foot building offers customers and workers a modern work environment, according to office manager Karen Brown.

"We have a larger, more comfortable reception area and more privacy at the work stations that we never had before," she said. "We needed that room to accommodate the increasing number of patrons we see. These facilities will make our staff more productive and efficient."

Like Springfield, the Joplin Social Security office, has rooms equipped for training staff using drop-down projection screens and smart boards. The rooms can also double as meeting areas.

The Joplin office has 26 full time employees.



## Official Poverty Data Ignores Government Anti-Poverty Benefits

The U.S. Census Bureau announced earlier this year its latest estimates concerning the nature and depth of poverty in America. However, as testimony from recent congressional hearings reflects, this data is flawed in several key respects. Most notably, in calculating the number of poor families in the U.S., official poverty data ignores more than \$400 billion in annual taxpayer-funded benefits directed specifically to low-income families. According to the Census Bureau, Americans living in "poverty," also receive billions in taxpayer resources that go largely unaccounted for. The following chart shows how:

Major Means-Tested Government Benefits: Ignored or Counted in Determining Income Poverty?				
Program/Year	Beneficiaries	Average Annual Benefit	Total Cost	Counted to Tell If "Poor"?
Medicaid Health Coverage (2006)	61 million	\$4,635	\$316 billion	No
Medicare "Low Income Subsidy" (2006)	28 million	\$1,690	\$47 billion	No
SCHIP Health Coverage (2006)	7 million	\$1,068	\$8 billion	No
EITC (2004)	22 million	\$2,669	\$41 billion	No
Food Stamps (2006)	27 million	\$1,037	\$33 billion	No
Section 8 Housing (2007)	5 million	\$2,680	\$16 billion	No
TANF (2005)	5 million	\$5,800	\$28 billion	Yes
SSI (2005)	7 million	\$5,246	\$40 billion	Yes

Source: Ways and Means Staff, using data compiled by the Congressional Research Service.

The Congressional Research Service reports that taxpayers provide a total of nearly \$600 billion per year in benefits to low-income families. As the table above shows, most of this anti-poverty spending is ignored by the Census Bureau for purposes of telling whether recipient families are poor or not.

"Poverty is an important issue in this country, and it's one our society has rightly devoted a lot of time, energy and resources toward fixing over the past half-century," said Congressman Blunt. "But if we're going to have any chance at addressing the root causes of the problem – and extending a helping hand when and where it's appropriate – we're going to need the most up-to-date and accurate information for understanding the scope and scale of the battle we're fighting. New research has suggested that we have a long way to go in this area. And I'm hopeful that the figures above will help change the dimensions of the debate in Washington – ensuring that more of our federal poverty resources are used to reach out to the most disadvantaged among us."

## Important Medicare Dates For Prescription Drug Enrollment

**December 31**—Enrollment Ends. In most cases, December 31 is the last day you can change your Medicare coverage for next year.

**January 1**—Coverage Begins. Your new coverage begins if you switched to a new plan. If you stay with the same plan, January 1 is the date that any changes to coverage, benefits, or costs for the new year will begin.

The Southwest Missouri Office on Aging in Springfield (417-862-0762) and the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging in Joplin (417-627-0600) provide advice and information to seniors about their options in picking the Medicare Part D program that best suits their needs. You can also call or e-mail Medicare at these addresses:

**www.medicare.gov**  
**1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**  
**TTY 1-877-486-2048**



Bruce McNeeley is Congressman Blunt's field representative on senior issues and regularly visits senior centers. He was a retired minister before joining the staff.



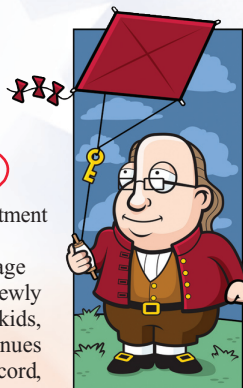
## Safe Web page for "OZARKS KIDS"

Congressman Roy Blunt has added an "OZARKS KIDS" page to his website at blunt.house.gov. "It's designed to be a safe place where kids can find information about our government, play games and have fun," Blunt said.

In a video introduction to the site, Blunt says, "Whether you're looking for information about how a bill becomes a law or planning a trip to your nation's capitol, there are lots of links to sites you will like ...and fun games to play, but only after you've finished your homework."

- The site provides links to:
- Ben Franklin's Guide to the U.S. Government
  - The White House
  - Clerks Kids
  - Kids.gov
  - Smithsonian Kids
  - America's Library for Kids
  - NASA for Kids
  - U.S. Treasury Kids Page
  - MCD (Missouri Department of Conservation) Kids
  - Missouri State Kids Page

In addition to the newly added web page for kids, Blunt's web site continues to post his voting record, latest press releases, a photo gallery, procedures for obtaining assistance with problems with federal agencies and a place where e-mails can be sent to Congressman Blunt. There is even a page to assist in planning a trip to the nation's capitol.



## Mexico-US Fence Growing Longer

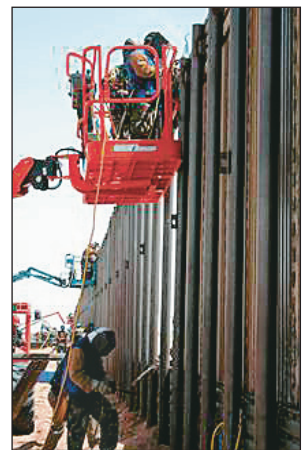
145 Miles Complete

When a Republican-led Congress passed the Secure Fence Act in 2006, the American people expected that work would begin immediately on the 700 miles of double-reinforced security fencing along our southern border. After all, with more than an estimated million illegal immigrants streaming across our border each year, it seemed more than reasonable that the installation of new lighting, cameras, sensors, border checkpoints – and the fencing itself – would be made a top priority to be advanced as quickly and seamlessly as possible. And it would be a directive respected by the courts as the established law of the land.

While Congress's intent in passing the Secure Fence Act could not have been clearer, the last year and a half has seen a series of starts and stops – with only 77 miles of new fencing completed since the bill's approval. The pace of construction has been especially frustrating for Congressman Blunt, who helped shepherd the border fence legislation through the process in 2006, and who has spoken out publicly against the coordinated efforts by certain judges to come up with any justification they can to slow down, or outright prevent, the fence's construction from the bench.

Thankfully, the secretary of the Department

of Homeland Security (DHS) has heard Blunt's calls and is now using his authority to keep the work going. In October, Secretary Michael Chertoff turned aside a court ruling designed to impede the fence's progress and ordered it to continue being built along the Arizona-California border with Mexico. "Secretary Chertoff deserves credit for



seizing the authority granted to him by Congress to give our federal agents a fighting chance of slowing the tide of illegal entry into our country," said Congressman Blunt. "If the Democratic Congress won't do its part to secure our border, I'm more than comfortable with Secretary Chertoff stepping in to help us

accomplish the goal." DHS plans to build another 225 miles of fencing between now and next winter – adding to the nearly 145 miles that already exist.