

HOUSE DEMOCRATS' STRONG RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

After a very productive First Session, House Democrats are continuing to build on our record of achievement by passing significant legislation that addresses critical national priorities, including **the war in Iraq and our national security, the economy, the housing crisis, and exploding gasoline costs.**

So far this year, the House has passed:

- ✓ **Unemployment Insurance Benefits Extension:** Provides assistance to 3.8 million Americans who have lost jobs through no fault of their own in the Bush economy, extending unemployment insurance benefits for an additional 13 weeks
- ✓ **GI Bill:** Restores full, four-year college education benefits to veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- ✓ **Supplemental Appropriations Bill:** Funds troops in Iraq, and addresses critical domestic needs, including disaster assistance for Midwest flooding
- ✓ **A Bipartisan Economic Stimulus Bill:** Provides recovery rebate checks to 130 million families to help strengthen our economy, and encourages small business investment
- ✓ **ADA Amendments Act:** Reiterates the intent of the original ADA law to preserve the rights of individuals with disabilities, which will allow millions of disabled Americans to pursue active, productive lives
- ✓ **AMT Relief:** Provides fiscally responsible relief from the alternative minimum tax to more than 25 million families
- ✓ **Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act:** Prevents a payment cut for physicians in the Medicare program, protecting doctors and the patients who see them
- ✓ **FISA:** Strengthens our national security by preventing gaps in intelligence collection, and protects civil liberties
- ✓ **Suspension of deliveries to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** Directs the President to suspend deliveries of oil to the SPR, which, by increasing supply, could lower gas prices
- ✓ **Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act:** Will extend tax relief for millions of families, provide tax incentives for small businesses, and extend tax credits to encourage investment in renewable energy
- ✓ **Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act:** Continues Democratic efforts to lower gas prices by holding OPEC accountable for price fixing, and creating a Department of Justice Petroleum Industry Antitrust Task Force
- ✓ **American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act:** Addresses the mortgage crisis by helping families facing foreclosure, stabilizing the housing market, and protecting neighborhood home values
- ✓ **Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act:** Ensures that students and their parents have access to the loans they need to pay for college

- ✓ **Budget Conference Report:** Invests in our nation's priorities in a fiscally responsible manner, and is the first budget to be passed in an election year since 2000
- ✓ **Farm Bill:** Makes unprecedented investments in nutrition that will help millions of American families facing rising food prices
- ✓ **Defense Authorization Act:** Will strengthen our military readiness, refocus on the war in Afghanistan, and provide for our troops and their families
- ✓ **The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax (HEART) Act:** Delivers tax relief to men and women serving in the Armed Forces
- ✓ **Veterans Package:** In honor of Memorial Day, a package of bills focused on improving care and services for our nation's veterans
- ✓ **Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act:** Modernizes and expands Amtrak and other intercity passenger rail service and infrastructure
- ✓ **Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act:** Protects individuals from being discriminated against by employers and insurance companies based on genetic information
- ✓ **Mental Health Parity Bill:** Eliminates discriminatory provisions that make it more difficult for Americans with mental health and addiction disorders to access care
- ✓ **Consumer Product Safety:** Ensures that the products that reach American consumers are safe
- ✓ **Coast Guard Authorization bill:** Strengthens the Coast Guard in its role of keeping our nation safe
- ✓ **Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation:** Provides debt cancellation to the poorest nations in the world
- ✓ **Transportation Technical Corrections Bill:** Makes critical investments in our nation's infrastructure and will create 40,000 new jobs.
- ✓ **Omnibus Public Lands Bill:** Provides protections to national parks and other wilderness and historic sites
- ✓ **Office of Congressional Ethics:** Creates an outside panel to investigate alleged ethics violations by Members of Congress