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## **Herger Applauds House Passage of Measure Supporting our Nation's Troops**

*Bill includes pay raise for military personnel and funding to prosecute  
the War on Terror*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Congressman Herger today voted for H.R. 5631, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007, which the House passed by a vote of 407 to 19. The measure provides funding for military personnel, research, development, and procurement of weapon systems, operation and maintenance of facilities, and emergency wartime funding. Herger made the following comment after the House passed the bill:

"Our nation's men and women in uniform are upholding our long heritage of brave and exceptional service members committed to protecting Americans and defending our freedom," Herger stated.

"Nearly five years after September 11, 2001, they have achieved profound successes in the War on Terror, including the removal of the pro-al Qaeda Taliban in Afghanistan, and a brutal dictator in Iraq who had twice invaded his neighbors and had a long history of financing terrorists," continued Herger. "It is not by accident that our nation has stayed safe since 2001. I offer my deepest gratitude to our military--the finest military the world has ever seen--for helping keep Americans safe and staying on the offense as our nation prosecutes this global war.

"It is of the highest priority to provide our armed forces every tool they need to defeat an enemy that employs desperate tactics in their pursuit to harm America," continued Herger. "The defense appropriations bill provides funding for a 2.2% military pay raise, additional body armor, new 'jammers' to counter improvised explosive devices (IEDs), critical weapons systems, and missile defense technology. I will continue to strongly support our troops as they prosecute their missions, and will work to ensure that they have every weapon, protective equipment, and resource they need to complete and win these critical missions," concluded Herger.

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