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This Week In Congress:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GUN LAW REPEAL ACT H.R. 3193

This legislation repeals Washington, D.C.'s laws that ban the sale and possession of handguns and prohibits the D.C. government from enacting laws or regulations that discourage or eliminate the private ownership or use of firearms. This bill also repeals the District of Columbia's registration requirement for the possession of firearms, the ban on semi-automatic weapons, eliminates criminal penalties for possessing an unregistered firearm and amends Federal law to eliminate criminal penalties for carrying a pistol whether loaded or unloaded in one's dwelling house or place of business. To the dismay of the D.C. police, this measure passed the U.S. House with a vote of 250-171.

TRANSPORTATION BILL EXTENSION H.R. 5183

The U.S. House has extended the Transportation bill for eight additional months. TEA-21 provides federal funds for highways and public transit. This is the sixth extension since the bill expired last fall. This Congress' failure to pass a six-year highway bill means the opportunity to bolster our economy, create good paying jobs and bring prosperity to the American people has been missed. The extension passed the U.S. House with a vote of 409-8.

MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT H.J. RES. 106

This legislation attempts to amend the United States' Constitution for only the 18th time in our nation's history. This legislation is nothing more than a symbolic act that will not result in any appreciable change in current law. The Republican Majority knows the House will not pass this measure with the two-thirds majority vote necessary for it to be enacted. Previously the Senate defeated a similar bill. Finally, there is absolutely no chance that three-quarters of the states would pass a law to support amending the Constitution on this subject. The U.S. House defeated the legislation 227-186.

PROTECT AMERICAN VOTERS ACT OF 2004 H. R. 4250

This bill would amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require states to provide notice and an opportunity for review prior to removing any individual from the official list of eligible voters by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity. Included with this bill is a motion introduced by Congressman Charlie Rangel "The Corporate Tax Bill". This motion would instruct conferees to reduce tax breaks in the bill for the corporations that ship jobs overseas and tailor provisions to increase tax benefits for businesses that create jobs here in the U.S., particularly small businesses. With 1.7 million private sector jobs lost, and a half million jobs shipped overseas within the past three years, I must do all I can now to spur job creation in the United States and restore economic prosperity. The entire legislation has been sent to the House Committee on House Administration for consideration.

WOW EVENT

I will host another WOW Homebuyer's Fair this Saturday, October 2, 2004 at UAW Local 22 located at 4300 Michigan Avenue in Detroit. The event will run from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. At this event there will also be interpreters of the Spanish language for my Hispanic constituents who prefer to use their native language.

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