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This Week In Congress:

COMMON DEFENSE BILL (revive the military draft) H.R. 163

The Majority party elected to place the draft legislation on the House floor this week in an effort to kill rumors of President Bush's intention to reinstate the draft after the November election. The measure to revive the draft was defeated by a vote of 402-2.

THE CORPORATE TAX BILL H.R. 4520

The Corporate Tax bill enacts billions in tax incentives to corporations that ship jobs overseas. This legislation would give U.S. multinational corporations more incentive to ship jobs overseas, adding billions of tax breaks for special interests. It replaces tax incentives to export American goods with tax incentives to export American jobs. The measure was approved by a vote of 280-141.

ENERGY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HURRICANE DISASTERS H.R. 5212

The funding levels in this bill will provide \$100 million for the Caribbean region that has been devastated by recent hurricanes and tropical storms. As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee and the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, I have advocated for funds sufficient to address humanitarian and reconstruction needs for countries affected in the Caribbean. While I am happy that the funds have been provided, I am dismayed that more funds were not provided. Haiti will received about \$72 million in aid however, other countries in the region will not received anything close to the monies necessary to rebuild schools and to repair their infrastructures. I am calling on the World Bank and the Inter-Development Bank to forgive the debt of the Caribbean countries affected by recent hurricanes. I am also asking that both institutions issue immediate grants to these countries to help restore their schools, hospitals, and food production capability. The bill passed the House, 412-0.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT H.R. 10

This bill is the House Republicans' response to the report presented by the 9/11 Commission to Congress to prevent future terrorist attacks. The Commission's report outlined 41 specific recommendations. This bill fully implements only 11 of those recommendations, and ignores 15 recommendations. H.R. 10 includes numerous extraneous provisions including a measure that gives the President "fast track" authority to reorganize the intelligence agencies, undermining the reforms recommended by the 9/11 Commission. It gives the President authority to bypass Senate confirmation of the Director of the CIA and other key intelligence and defense officials. The legislation passed the House 282-184.

COMCAST NEWSMAKERS ON CNN

Want to know where I stand on the issues. You can see it all the week of October 11th and the week of October 18th on Comcast Newsmakers which airs on CNN. Air times on 10/11 are 4:24AM, 11:24AM and 4:24PM, on 10/12 8:24AM, 1:24PM and 8:24PM, 10/13, 4:24AM, 11:24AM and 4:24PM.

STATE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE CONFERENCE

Join me at Cobo Convention and Conference Center on Saturday, October 23rd for the "State of the African-American Male" Conference. We will talk with area professionals about what to do about our sons and brainstorm solutions that will assist our young men. The event runs from 8:30AM - 4:00PM. For more information contact James Slaughter at (313) 965-9004.

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