



Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Michigan's 13th District

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This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States' Congress that effect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

This Week In Congress:

HOUSE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Monday, House Members voted to eliminate a provision in the 3,000 page Omnibus Appropriations Bill that opens up individual tax returns to Members of the Appropriations Committee. I support repealing the taxpayer persecution provision that allows Appropriations' Committee Members to see individual tax returns. Unanimously we voted to kill the tax provision. The \$388 billion spending bill was signed by President Bush on Tuesday.

9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT S.2845

This measure implements some of the recommended suggestions by the 9/11 Commission earlier this year. It establishes a Director of National Intelligence with the necessary budget and personnel authority to coordinate all national intelligence efforts; Establishes a National Counter-terrorism Center to coordinate and unify all elements of counter-terrorism intelligence operations planning; Establishes an independent Privacy and Civil Liberties Board within the Executive Office of the President that is authorized to have access to information from departments and agencies; Establishes an Information Sharing Environment to facilitate the sharing of terrorism information among all appropriate Federal, State, Local Tribal and private sector entities; Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement a national strategy for transportation security; Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to improve border security; and Requires federal agencies to establish minimum standards for driver's licenses and ID necessary to board domestic commercial aircraft and gain access to federal facilities. The House approved the measure with a vote of 336-75.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS 2ND VICE-CHAIR

I am honored to announce that Monday Members of the Congressional Black Caucus elected me as their 2nd Vice-Chairman. The Congressional Black Caucus has often been called the "Conscience of Congress," and the progressive voice of the Democratic Party. CBC Members work everyday on behalf of the American people to achieve equality and justice.

LAST SESSION OF 2004

The 108th Congress has adjourned for the year. The new 109th Congress is scheduled for legislative business on Tuesday January 25, 2005. Until then, the e-newsletter will contain no reports from Congressional sessions. If you know of a constituent who would like to receive my e-newsletter please have them send their request via the website at www.house.gov/kilpatrick.

ON POINT SHOW

I understand that some of you who live in Lincoln Park and have WOW Cable cannot see my program "On Point." My staff is currently working on getting the program on WOW, as soon as we are allowed a time slot on that system we will inform my Lincoln Park constituents.

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