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- Supported strong legislation (H.R. 4) to protect pensions and make sure that federal insurance guarantees every American who is promised a pension receives one.

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- Authored legislation (H.R. 5534) approved in the House to double the number of E-85 ethanol pumps available at independent gas stations throughout the nation. The measure would authorize grants of up to \$30,000 for independent gas stations from penalties mostly foreign auto manufactures pay in fines for violating CAFE standards.
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Health Savings Accounts - *Signed Into Law, Introduced Into House*

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Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors

- Worked to approve and implement new Medicare prescription drug program providing one million Michigan seniors up to 50% savings on their medicines.

Health Information Technology - *Approved by House*

- Worked to approve legislation (H.R. 4157) to accelerate the use of fully electronic medical records to improve care and reduce errors.

Pain Care Legislation - *Signed Into Law, Two Hearings Held*

- Authored the National Pain Care Policy Act (H.R. 1020), portions of which were included in the National Institutes of Health Reform Act (H.R. 6164) signed into law.
- Held hearings in Lansing and Washington, DC at House Energy and Commerce Committee on Rogers' legislation to coordinate and create regional pain centers across the country to research pain management, help doctors and hospitals treat pain and develop an awareness campaign to educate the public. Chronic pain results in \$78 billion in lost productivity nationwide each year.

Association Health Plans - *Approved by House*

- Cosponsored legislation to create association health plans (AHPs). This legislation (H.R. 525) will assist small employers in offering affordable health insurance as a benefit to their workers.

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- Cosponsored legislation to extend state high risk pools to help states insure the chronically ill, who cannot otherwise obtain health insurance.

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- Authored legislation (H.R. 5156) to increase the criminal penalty for counterfeiting drugs from three to 20 years.

Winning the War on Terrorism, Securing America's Homeland

Border Security - Approved by House, Signed into Law

- Worked to approve tough border-security first legislation (H.R. 4437) that would add 1,000 new border patrol guards, 700 miles of new border fencing, would end the dangerous “catch and release” policy and would crack down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.
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