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Thank you for reading The Conaway Chronicle, a weekly review of my activities in Congress. This newsletter is to let you know what's going on in Washington and what important issues are being debated in Congress.

HR 3021: 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act

Last week, the House voted to pass the 21 st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act (**HR 3021**). This bill authorizes $6.4 billion to make grants for local education agencies for the construction, repair, and modernization of public schools. I voted against this bureaucratic legislation, as it undermines efforts to increase funding for education priorities, hampers the efforts of state and local officials to fund school construction, and will significantly increase the cost of elementary and secondary schools.

H.R. 3021 dramatically increases the size of the federal government, and undermines state and local responsibilities. When programs are "federally funded", that simply means that they are taxpayer-funded, and to have American taxpayers funding local schools across the country is a bureaucratic nightmare.

Click here to watch me speak on the House floor on this bill and how the current issue of energy is also relevant to this discussion.

Heath Care Program Passes House

Last week, I was proud to cosponsor **HR 1343**, the Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007, which passed the House on Wednesday. This bill reauthorizes funding for the community health centers program that provides medical services to medically underserved populations. The Health Center program is a community-based, consumer-run program that serves low-income, uninsured, migrant and seasonal farm workers, the homeless community, and those living in public housing.

Andrews Goes Nuclear

Over the Memorial Day recess, I had the opportunity to join many citizens from across West Texas, along with local and state officials, to applaud the state's decision to allow Andrews to be one of two low-level radioactive waste disposal sites in the nation. I want to recognize the citizens of the Andrews area for embracing this issue and for their willingness to be an important part of the future of American energy. Nuclear is the wave of the future, and this initiative is only the beginning.

The Andrews nuclear waste site is projected to open later this year and will have two dump sites: one for federal nuclear weapons waste and one for commercial radioactive waste, primarily from nuclear energy.

The site will be operated by Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) in Andrews County, which operates a mixed hazardous and radioactive processing facility.

Click here to listen to this week's podcast.

The Conaway Chronicle will be issued every week when Congress is in session. I hope that you will find it informative and will continue to stay informed with my recent legislative activities in Washington. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for future issues of the Conaway Chronicle, please visit the website at **www.house.gov/conaway** or don't hesitate to call me at (202) 225-3605. Check out my blog at **www.conawayblog.com**!

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