

# **DEMOCRATS BUILD SOLID RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE 111<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**



In President Obama's first 100 days, Congress has sent a wide range of measures to his desk and passed numerous others through the House. These initiatives will help improve the lives of millions of Americans and guide our nation through this economic crisis. As we continue to address the serious challenges of today, President Obama and Democrats remain committed to laying the foundation for long-term economic growth to create jobs, building a path to energy independence, reforming health care to help Americans cope with rising costs, and reforming and investing in education.

***Under the leadership of President Obama and the Democratic Congress, major initiatives that will improve the lives of the American people have been enacted into law:***

## **ECONOMY:**

- ✓ **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** – Creates 3.5 million jobs and invests in the future – in clean energy, health care, and infrastructure – to put our nation back on the road to recovery and transform it for long-term growth and stability.
- ✓ **FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act** – Makes critical investments that offer short-term help for our economic problems and long-term solutions for our economic strength, completing the appropriations process for fiscal year 2009.
- ✓ **Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act** (Sent to President.)

## **HEALTH CARE:**

- ✓ **State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization** – Legislation to cover 11 million children, including an additional 4 million uninsured but eligible kids.

## **LABOR:**

- ✓ **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act** – Restores the rights of women and other workers to challenge unfair pay – to help close the wage gap where women earn 78 cents for every \$1 a man earns in America.

## **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

- ✓ **Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009** – Designates more than 2 million acres across the country as wilderness and expands protections for existing national parks, rivers and water resources.

## **OTHER TOP ISSUES:**

- ✓ **Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act** – Creates new service opportunities for more Americans to volunteer and give back to their communities to help them through the current economic crisis.
- ✓ **DTV Delay Act** – Postpones the date of the analog-to-digital television transition from February 17, 2009, to June 12, 2009, to allow more time to get coupons for the digital TV converter boxes to millions of American households.

*In addition to the significant number of bills signed into law, the House has also passed important legislation that is awaiting Senate action:*

**BUDGET AND ECONOMY:**

- ✓ **FY 2010 Budget Resolution** – Makes a down payment on health care reform, creates a path to energy independence, reforms and invests in education, and also reduces the deficit by nearly two-thirds by 2013. (Expected Congressional passage this week.)
- ✓ **Helping Families Save Their Homes Act** – Implements important provisions included in the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, including key incentives to encourage lenders to negotiate affordable mortgages for responsible homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure.
- ✓ **TARP Reform and Accountability Act** – Ensures that TARP funds are spent effectively to help stabilize our economy.
- ✓ **Pay for Performance Act** – Includes prohibiting payment of unreasonable or excessive compensation and non-performance based bonuses at companies receiving TARP funds.

**HEALTH CARE:**

- ✓ **Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act** – Grants the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate the advertising, marketing, and manufacturing of tobacco products.
- ✓ **Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Act**
- ✓ **National Pain Care Policy Act**
- ✓ **Wakefield Act (Emergency Medical Services for Children)**
- ✓ **Vision Care for Kids Act**
- ✓ **Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom’s Opportunity to Access Health, Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act**
- ✓ **Dextromethorphan Distribution Act (“Cough Syrup” Bill)**
- ✓ **Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act**

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

- ✓ **Water Quality Investment Act** – Makes significant investments to improve water quality and better ensure safe, clean water for all Americans.
- ✓ **Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act**

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND VETERANS:**

- ✓ **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Improvements Act** – Strengthens the successful COPS program, authorizing \$1.8 billion a year over the next five years to help improve community policing efforts and place an additional 50,000 police officers on the street nationwide.
- ✓ **Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act**
- ✓ **Reducing Over-Classification Act**
- ✓ **Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely (FAST) Redress Act**
- ✓ **National Bombing Prevention Act**
- ✓ **Veterans Cost of Living Increase**
- ✓ **Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act**
- ✓ **Veterans Emergency Care Reimbursement**

**OTHER TOP ISSUES:**

- ✓ **Federal Retirement Reform Act of 2009**
- ✓ **Campus Safety Act**
- ✓ **Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act**
- ✓ **Free Flow of Information Act**