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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.

Protecting Main Street from Wall Street

Our economy is facing historic challenges, ones that pose a clear threat to our country's economic foundation. Without urgent and comprehensive action, a financial collapse is likely that would be devastating for Americans. The time is now to form a comprehensive plan to be implemented quickly to stop the decline of confidence in our markets and get it back on its feet. During this hard time, it is essential that we do not tolerate partisanship in Congress. This is an extremely important, time-sensitive issue, and all Members of Congress should be committed to working in a bipartisan way with the Administration to stabilize our markets and get the economy back on track.

We must handle this situation with fiscal discipline; if Congress decides to spend nearly $1 trillion dollars on a bailout, it must find ways to prevent that cost from being passed along to hard-working Americans.

Democrats Energy Bill: All Bark, No Bite

Week after week, the Democratic leadership continues their rhetoric on change and the need for affordable energy, yet the legislation that was passed last week is nothing more than a sham bill on display for political gains. There are no new refineries included in their bill, no nuclear energy, no clean coal, no drilling in ANWR, and, if you read the fine print, no domestic exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf. In addition, the bill includes $19 billion in energy tax hikes on American consumers, manufacturers and small businesses.

Republicans offered a bipartisan amendment to be included in the Democrats "Energy" bill. The package, introduced by Representatives Neil Abercrombie (D-HI) and John Peterson (R-PA), would include coal, nuclear, coal-to-liquids, additional drilling in the outer continental shelf, and support for new ways to power automobiles. The Abercrombie-Peterson amendment had vast support from both sides of the aisle, with 39 Democrat cosponsors and 13 additional Democrat votes, yet Speaker Pelosi would not allow it to pass.

Republican Members have done everything possible to force their voices to be heard by the Majority, but all we have gotten are turned backs. Instead of debating this legislation, and honoring the "open and honest" Congress that she promised, Speaker Pelosi decided to craft her 290-page energy bill behind closed doors in her office.

Speaker Pelosi and her followers are taking Americans for a fool by continuing to propose shallow bills that do nothing but waste our time. Congress owes it to hardworking Americans to implement real energy solutions before Congress adjourns.

Protecting Second Amendment Rights

Last week was a significant day for 2nd amendment rights as the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that

would limit D.C.'s power to regulate handguns. The vote to protect second amendment rights for residents of the District of Columbia is a monumental victory for not only citizens of Washington, D.C., but for all Americans. The bill will restrict gun control rules at the local level in Washington, D.C., and would limit city officials' ability to endorse any measures that go beyond federal firearms restrictions. Under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, every citizen has the right to bear arms; yet for more than thirty years, this right has been denied to the citizens of Washington, D.C. I am pleased that Second Amendment rights for citizens of the District of Colombia have finally been defended and that residents are now able to keep and bear firearms to protect themselves and their property.

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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