

# PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – November 13, 2007

## **Attorney General: Mukasey Failed to Show Independence**

On Thursday (11/8), I voted against the Bush administration's nominee for Attorney General because I believe that America needs an Attorney General whose independence is without question. I am concerned that Judge Michael Mukasey's responses to questions posed by the Senate Judiciary Committee reveal someone who may not stand up to the President when he has crossed the boundaries of his authority. Judge Mukasey's nomination passed the Senate by a vote of 53-40.

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[Video](#) – explaining my vote.

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## **Veterans: As We Celebrate Veterans Day, President Bush Must Prove his Commitment to Veterans**

On Thursday (11/8), in a Veterans Day message delivered on the Senate floor, I urged President Bush and my Senate colleagues to reaffirm their commitment to our veterans by making it a priority to provide for their care.

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[Video](#) – A special Veterans Day Message

[Speech](#)

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## **Trauma Care: Bill Offers Federal Support to Ensure Lifesaving Care**

On Tuesday (11/6), I introduced the National Trauma Care Stabilization Act to ensure Americans have access to lifesaving care. My bill would provide much needed support for Harborview Medical Center in Seattle and trauma care centers across the country. These centers are struggling and often closing their doors because of the increased cost of providing health care and the strain of uncompensated charity care. Harborview Medical Center is the only Level One trauma center serving Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho.

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[Video](#) – I discuss this bill.

["Senate Bill Pushes Trauma Center Grants"](#) – Hearst Newspapers

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## **WA Transportation, Housing, and Community Development: Senate Spending Bill Includes \$153 Million for Our State, Bush Threatens Veto**

On Thursday (11/8), I announced that a critical Senate spending bill includes more than \$153 million dollars for transportation, housing, and community development projects in our state. President Bush is threatening to veto this bill because it spends more on domestic investments than he requested.

[Details](#) – Read about the different projects in your community that President Bush is threatening to veto.

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## **Iraq Veterans: Report Reveals Cost of Caring for Iraq Veterans to Exceed Combat Costs**

On Thursday (11/8), I joined Physicians for Social Responsibility as they unveiled a report that compiles findings on health care for Iraq War veterans and shows that the long-term cost of caring for veterans will exceed combat spending. The report details more than \$650 billion in long term costs including mental disabilities and disruption to families of returning veterans.

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["Report: Veterans health care costs around \\$650 billion"](#) – KING 5

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