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## **Victim's Rights**

**H.R. 5845** - Permits leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for victims of violent crime and domestic violence and immediate family members of victims of violent crime and domestic violence to attend court proceedings relating to such crimes.

- Sponsor: Rep Emanuel, Rahm (D-IL)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House Committee on House Administration

**H.Con.Res. 330** - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

- Sponsor: Rep Baldwin, Tammy (D-WI)  
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R.5760, Child Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008** - Reauthorizes the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

- Sponsor: Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny (R-FL)  
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 1053** - Supports the mission and goals of National Crime Victims' Rights week in order to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep Costa, Jim (D-CA)  
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 1007** - Expressing the condolences of the House to those affected by the devastating shooting incident of February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

- Sponsor: Rep Manzullo, Donald A. (R-IL)  
- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.Res. 652** - Expresses the sense of Congress regarding the importance of protecting American cruise ship passengers against crimes on the high seas and ensuring that the perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice.

- Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O. (D-CA)  
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 3577** - Directs the Attorney General to provide grants for Internet safety education programs. These programs are designed to educate parents, children, educators, and communities about Internet technology and culture, appropriate online behavior, and recognition and prevention of potential Internet dangers and cyber-bullying.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda (D-CA)  
- Status: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

**H.R. 2517, Protecting Our Children Comes First Act of 2007** - Amends the Missing Children's Assistance Act to reauthorize through FY2013, and revise requirements for uses of, the annual grant to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lampson, Nick (D-TX)  
- Status: Passed House 408 - 3 (Roll no. 1132)

**H.R. 3369** – Provides \$10,000 per day compensation and up to a total of \$500,000 if the person was tortured or died. Citizens can claim compensation from the U.S. as long as they have

obtained a judgment on a claim filed prior to the date of enactment of this Act in a court of the United States against a foreign state seeking compensation for injuries caused by an act of hostage-taking or terrorism. A person who has accepted compensation may not commence or maintain in any court in the United States a civil action against a foreign state. President is to establish within 60 days of this Act in the Treasury a Hostage Victims Fund to pay this compensation. This money shall be made up of blocked assets of terrorist organizations, improper conduct from the U.N.'s Oil for Food Program, amounts received from fine or forfeiture for a violation of a number of federal laws against enemies.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 2518, Bring our Children Home Act** - Reauthorizes the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the DOJ Missing and Exploited Children's program until 2013.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lampson, Nick (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities

**H.R. 2395, Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act** - Permits victims of domestic or sexual violence to substitute existing leave in lieu of emergency leave. Prohibits denial of unemployment compensation to individuals separated from employment due to their experience of domestic or sexual violence. Prohibits denial or restriction of insurance coverage (including termination of health insurance coverage) based on the status of the applicant or insured as a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

- Sponsor: Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities

**H.R. 2106, No Parole for Sex Offenders Act** - Requires a state that is receiving federal funds to put into effect laws and policies that prohibit parole for any individual convicted of a crime against a minor and any sexually violent predator. Grants states three years to implement such laws and policies (with one additional two-year extension for states making good faith efforts at implementation). Any state that does not participate will see a 10% reduction in this federal funding until they do.

- Sponsor: Rep. Chandler, Ben (R-KY)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 1120, Deleting Online Predators Act of 2007** - Requires schools and libraries that receive federal universal service funds to prohibit access to a commercial social networking website or chat room unless used for an educational purpose with adult supervision; and protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. Allows an administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person to disable such a technology protection measure during use by an adult, or by minors with adult supervision, to enable access for educational purposes. Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to issue a consumer alert regarding use of the Internet by child predators and the potential dangers to children because of such use, including the potential dangers of commercial social networking websites and chat rooms; and establish a website resource of information for parents, teachers,

school administrators, and others regarding potential dangers posed by the use of the Internet by children.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

**H.Res. 281** - Supports the goals and ideals of National Internet Safety Month. Recognizes that parents, teachers, and community leaders can empower children to resist online sexual predators.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

**H.R. 2165, Teri Zenner Social Worker Safety Act** - Establishes a grant program to assist in the provision of safety measures to protect social workers and other professionals who work with at-risk populations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Moore, Dennis (D-KA)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.Res. 340** - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives of the importance of providing a voice for the many victims (and families of victims) involved in missing persons cases and unidentified human remains cases.

- Sponsor: Rep. Chabot, Steve (R-OH)

- Status: Passed House 389-1 (Roll no. 894)

**H.R. 876, Securing Adolescents From Exploitation-Online Act of 2007 (SAFE Act)** -

Expands the reporting requirements of electronic communication and remote computing service providers with respect to violations of child sexual exploitation and pornography laws.

Authorizes appropriations for grants to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Authorizes courts to order monitoring of Internet use by a convicted sex offender as a condition for such offender's supervised release.

- Sponsor: Rep. Chabot, Steve (R-OH)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 719, Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators Act of 2007** - Amends the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to require a convicted sex offender to provide for inclusion in the National Sex Offender Registry any electronic mail address, instant message address, or other similar identifier used to communicate over the Internet. Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to 10 years for failure by any sex offender to provide information required by this Act; and up to 20 years for age misrepresentation with the intent to use the Internet to engage in criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pomeroy, Earl (D-ND)

- Status: Passed House 417 - 0 (Roll no. 1092)

**H.Res. 119** - Supports the mission and goals of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22nd through April 28th, in order to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Costa, Jim (D-CA)

- Status: Passed House 407-0 (Roll no. 252)

**H.Res. 223** - Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

- Sponsor: Rep. Shadegg, John B. (R-AZ)
- Status: Passed House 369-0 (Roll No. 343)

**H.Res. 289** - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

- Sponsor: Rep. Moran, James (D-VA)
- Status: Passed House 410-0 (Roll No. 251)

**H.R. 271, Audrey Nerenberg Act** - Amends the Missing Children's Assistance Act to include within the definition of child under such Act an individual whose mental capacity is less than 18 years of age as determined by an appropriate medical authority.

- Sponsor: Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny (R-FL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities

**H.R. 423, Kristen's Act Reauthorization of 2007** - Directs the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to public agencies and/or nonprofit private organizations to maintain a national resource center and information clearinghouse for missing and unidentified adults, maintain a national, interconnected database for tracking missing adults, coordinate public and private programs that locate or recover missing adults, and provide assistance and training to law enforcement agencies.

- Sponsor: Rep. Myrick, Sue (R-NC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.Res. 856** - Expresses heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

- Sponsor: Rep. Terry, Lee (R-NE)
- Status: Passed House 387 - 0 (Roll no. 1163)

**H.Res. 886** - Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lamborn, Doug (R-CO)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 3990, Military Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Act** - Establishes in the Department of Defense (DOD) an Office of the Victims' Advocate to facilitate access to services for victims of domestic or family violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the military. Directs the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office, to require DOD policies for victim assistance, family advocacy, and equal opportunity programs to provide for a victims' advocates program within each military department.

- Sponsor: Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh (D-NY)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 4015, Job Protection for Survivors Act** - Provides job protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- Sponsor: Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

**H.R. 4016, Unemployment Insurance for Survivors Act of 2007** - Provides unemployment insurance to those who are separated from their employment as a result of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- Sponsor: Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D-CA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

## **Border Security & Illegal Immigration**

**H.R. 5731, Secure the Capitol Act** - Prohibits offices of the legislative branch from entering into a contract for the provision of goods or services within the Capitol Complex with any contractor who does not participate in the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification.

- Sponsor: Rep Gallegly, Elton (R-CA)

- Status: House Committee on House Administration

**H.R. 5759, English as the Official Language Act of 2008** - Declares English as the national language of the Government of the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. (R-GA)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.R. 4464, Common Sense English Act** - To ensure that an employer may require employees to speak English while engaged in work.

- Sponsor: Rep. Price, Tom (R-GA)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.Con.Res. 218** – Expresses the sense of Congress that current immigration and border security laws should be enforced, that construction of the border fence should be expedited, emphasize the Administration's commitment to protecting both the southern and northern borders with Mexico and Canada, expand the 287(g) program, that Congress should fully fund the 18,000 border patrol agents that is authorized under law, and that state and law enforcement should be provided the necessary resources to prosecute those individuals who disregard United States immigration laws.

- Sponsor: Barrett, J. Gresham (R-SC)

- Status: Committee on Homeland Security and Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 138, Employment Eligibility Verification and Anti-Identity Theft Act** – Requires the Social Security Administration to share information with the Department of Homeland Security on letters that are sent to employers whose employees don't have matching names and Social Security numbers and could be illegal immigrants. There are about 9 million or 4% of all wage reports that have these no-matches.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gallegly, Elton (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

**H.R. 2508** – Requires all companies who have contracts with the federal government and hire contractors to have these people checked against the E-Verify program that ensures these people are legally allowed to work in the U.S. *Note: on September 14, 2007, 12 construction workers were arrested at Fort Bliss because they were in the country illegally. They were contract workers working for Balfour Beatty Construction, which had a federal government contract.*

- Sponsor: Rep. Gallegly, Elton (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

**H.R. 3612, Local Law Enforcement Restoration Act** – Changes current immigration law that preempts state and local governments from imposing civil or criminal sanctions on employers who hire illegal immigrants. This bill allows state and local governments to prosecute businesses and strip them of their business licenses if they hire illegal immigrants to work. Also limits the right to sue for damages.

- Sponsor: Rep. Weldon, Dave (R-FL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 2490** – Allows Homeland Security (Coast Guard) to screen all interdicted aliens caught at sea against the DHS biometric watch list database, US VISIT IDENT, which tracks criminals, immigration violators, and possible terrorists and if they have a record to detain them. *Note: the Coast Guard already has mobile biometrics collection equipment onboard their cutters operating between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico and have interdicted 900 since starting this program this year. More than 20% of those caught were criminals or immigration violators.*

- Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. (R-FL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism

**H.R. 1955, The Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act** - Would create a National Commission to study the causes of violent radicalization and provide recommendations and legislative strategies for fighting this threat. It also establishes a Center of Excellence for the Prevention of Radicalization and Home Grown Terrorism to study social, political, economic causes of terrorism. It specifically requires homeland security officials to connect with countries that have a history of homegrown terrorism to benefit from their experience on how to combat homegrown terrorism in the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Harman, Jane (D-CA)

- Status: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

**H.Con.Res. 204** - Expresses the sense of the Congress that state and local governments are not preempted from the enactment and enforcement of immigration-related laws and ordinances that do not directly conflict with federal immigration laws.

- Sponsor: Rep. Marchant, Kenny (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Con.Res. 40** - Opposes the creation of a North American Union and the NAFTA Superhighway.

- Sponsor: Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. (R-VA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

**H.R. 3494, Charlie Norwood CLEAR Act of 2007** – Provides authority for local police departments to enforce immigration law, improves information sharing between the feds and local police, requires the feds to remove and deport criminal aliens, increases federal resources for local governments who choose to enforce immigration law, and reduces federal resources to local governments who provide sanctuary to violent criminal aliens.

- Sponsor: Rep. Blackburn, Marsha (R-TN)
- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 2542, Border Law Enforcement Enhancement Act** - Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to make \$150 million in grants starting in FY08 and each succeeding year to hire, train, and equip local law enforcement officials within 25 miles of the southern border of the United States to assist in the crime and support to the federal government as a result of illegal immigration.

- Sponsor: Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. (D-TX)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 2954, Secure Borders FIRST (For Integrity, Reform, Safety, and Anti-Terrorism) Act of 2007** - Provides for full enforcement of existing laws, stronger border security, worksite enforcement, temporary agriculture guest worker program, English as the official language.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. (R-NY)
- Status: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

**H.Res. 499** - Expresses the sense of the House that the Administration should rigorously enforce the laws of the U.S. to substantially reduce illegal immigration and greatly improve border security.

- Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Lamar (R-TX)
- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 1355, Scott Gardner Act** - Makes DWI convictions grounds for mandatory detention and deportation of illegal aliens. Requires state and local law enforcement to collect immigration information when investigating these crimes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins (R-NC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment

**H.R. 1940, Birthright Citizenship Act** - Considers a person born in the United States "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States for citizenship at birth purposes if the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is: (1) a U.S. citizen or national; (2) a lawful permanent resident alien whose residence is in the United States; or (3) an alien performing active service in the armed forces.

- Sponsor: Rep. Deal, Nathan (R-GA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 1430, SAFE for America Act** - Eliminates the diversity immigrant visa lottery.

- Sponsor: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob (R-VA)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Amdt. 374 to H.R. 2764** – No federal funds may be used by the State Department to violate laws that require them to deny visas to nationals of countries that don't accept individuals the U.S. is trying to deport back to them.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. (R-CO)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 2086** – Authorizes funds that the Department of Homeland Security can use to reimburse state and local communities who participate in the 287(g) program, a program that allows state and local law enforcement to get training and certification by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials to enforce federal immigration laws. Note: currently there is money for training, this bill allows funds to be used for travel to and from these training sessions, lodging, food, and other expenses while these officers are away.

- Sponsor: Rep. Davis, David (R-TN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 2109, Empowering our Local Communities Act of 2007** – Requires a mandatory 5-40 year prison sentence for any illegal alien who commits manslaughter while driving intoxicated. Makes it a misdemeanor to be illegally present in the U.S. Provides \$650 million to continue and expand the institutional removal program, which identifies criminal illegal aliens in our prisons, ensures they aren't released into society, and removes them from the U.S. after the completion of their sentences. Provides \$40 million in FY08 for the 287(g) program, that trains state and local law enforcement in federal immigration law so they may enforce federal immigration law in their communities.

- Sponsor: Rep. Drake, Thelma (R-VA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.Res. 351** – Encourages federal authorities to vigorously enforce all existing immigration laws. Encourages the end of sanctuary policies by having state and local law enforcement report all immigration violations to the Department of Homeland Security. Calls on the federal government to encourage and support state and local law enforcement who want to help assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws. Expresses that the U.S. is a nation of laws and they must be enforced to ensure the integrity of our immigration system.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sullivan, John (R-OK)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 480** – Prohibits banking institutions from approving mortgages for a primary residence to any person without a valid Social Security number. Since all people legally allowed to work in

the U.S. have a Social Security number and all who have mortgages must have a job, this bill targets illegals.

- Sponsor: Rep. Doolittle, John T. (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit

**H.R. 2250** – Prevents inappropriate litigation against the United States. None of the sums appropriated in any Act of Congress shall be used or made available to pay any claim against the United States by Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila arising out of the conduct of Ignacio Ramos, Jose Alonso Compean, or any other person engaging in duties as an employee of the Government on February 17, 2005.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCaul, Michael T. (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 1811, Maritime Law Enforcement Improvement Act of 2007** - Would give the Coast Guard greater authority to apprehend and prosecute maritime smugglers of illegal immigrants into the United States. Would make illegal immigrant smuggling or the conspiracy or attempt to smuggle immigrants into the United States a felony under federal law. Under current law, immigrant smuggling is only a felony if the smuggler seeks commercial advantage or private financial gain, or seriously harms or endangers an individual. Would also give the Coast Guard extraterritorial jurisdiction outside of U.S. waters to gather evidence and conduct investigations in order to apprehend and prosecute immigrant smugglers.

- Sponsor: LaTourette, Steven C. (R-OH)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 1909**- Increases the number of Federal judgeships in certain judicial districts with heavy caseloads of criminal immigration cases.

- Sponsor: Rep. Cuellar, Henry (D-TX)

- Status: House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property

**H.R. 1342, Secure Entry Act** - Suspends the visa waiver program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to Congress that the automated entry-exit control system is fully implemented and functional, all U.S. ports of entry have functional biometric machine readers and all nonimmigrants, including Border Crossing Card holders, are processed through the automated entry-exit control system.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gingrey, Phil (R-GA)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 1314, Photo Identification Security Act** - Restricts the forms of identification that may be accepted by the federal government or by financial institutions to a Social Security card accompanied by a photo identification card issued by the federal or a state government, a driver's license or identification card issued by a state that is in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (i.e. one that verifies legal presence), a passport issued by the United States or a foreign government, and a photo identification card issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- Sponsor: Blackburn, Marsha (R-TN)
- Status: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement

**H.R. 997, English Language Unity Act** - Declares English to be the official language of the United States. Requires official governmental functions at all levels of government be conducted in English.

- Sponsor: King, Steve (R-IA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

**H.R. 939** – Gives authority to the National Guard or Reserves to assist the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security in border security.

- Sponsor: Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. (R-VA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 563, Congressional Pardon for Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean Act** – Orders the criminal convictions and sentences of Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean be vacated and release them from prison. Prohibits any further criminal prosecution or other proceedings against the agents. Requires DHS to examine the rules of engagement and pursuit policy of Border Patrol agents.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hunter, Duncan (R-CA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.Con.Res. 37** - Expresses the sense of Congress that Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean should be pardoned.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. (R-CO)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 18** - Expresses disapproval by the House of Representatives of the “Totalization” agreement signed between the Commissioner of Social Security in the United States and the Director General of the Social Security Institute in Mexico on June 29, 2004, which if approved would entitle illegal immigrants to claim U.S. Social Security benefits for work performed illegally if they became legal at some later date.

- Sponsor: Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. (R-VA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Social Security

**H.R. 279, Social Security Totalization Agreement Reform Act of 2007** – Requires a joint resolution passed by Congress to approve any “Totalization” agreement with any foreign nation.

- Sponsor: Rep. Cubin, Barbara (R-WY)
- Status: Subcommittee on Social Security

**H.R. 332** – Does not allow wages earned by illegal immigrants to count for Social Security benefits should they become legalized.

- Sponsor: Rep. Carter, John R. (R-TX)
- Status: Subcommittee on Social Security

**H.Con.Res. 267** - Calling on the President to commute the sentences of United States Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean to time served.

- Sponsor: Rep. Delahunt, William D. (D-MA)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 4088, Secure America with Verification and Enforcement Act** – Calls for an increase of 8,000 border patrol agents, outlines ways to recruit more of them through bonuses, student loan repayment, and creates a program where DHS and the military work together to increase surveillance. Makes the E-Verify program mandatory for employers. E-Verify is a free and easy to use system that allows employers to determine if prospective employees are legal by accessing a government database. Requires information sharing between DHS, Social Security, and the IRS when there is possible stolen identification numbers. Increases more ICE agents to enforce laws in the nation's interior and uses state and local law enforcement personnel. Increases federal judges to expedite removal of illegal aliens. Implements a media campaign to inform illegals of new laws and penalties and also informing employers of penalties for hiring illegals.

- Sponsor: Rep. Shuler, Heath (D-NC)

- Status: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

**H.R. 4160** - Withholds highway funds if a State does not comply with certain requirements in issuing a driver's license or identification card.

- Sponsor: Rep. Fossella, Vito (R-NY)

- Status: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

**H.R. 4176** - Restricts illegal aliens access to driver's licenses and State-issued identification documents.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. (R-NY)

- Status: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

**H.R. 4201, Justice for the Newark College Students Act** - This bill would prohibit bail for illegal aliens arrested on felony charges. This bill was sparked by 3 murders in August in NJ where the murder suspect, an illegal alien, was arrested and released on bail despite 2 other pending felony charges. This bill requires local authorities to inform Homeland Security when they arrest an illegal alien on a state felony charge. Once arrested on the felony charge, the illegal alien may not be granted bail relative to his federal deportation proceedings.

- Sponsor: Rep. Dent, Charles W. (R-PA)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 5124, Reinstatement of the Secure Fence Act of 2008** - To amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to provide for two-layered, 14-foot reinforced fencing along the southwest border, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hunter, Duncan (R-CA)

- Status: House Committee on Homeland Security

## **Agriculture**

**H.Res. 1114** - Supporting the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day.

- Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff (R-NE)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Con.Res. 216** - Recognizes the impact of the \$1 billion wine and wine grape industry in Texas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Conaway, K. Michael (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 1458, Family Farm Preservation Act of 2007** - Excludes from gross income gain from the sale or exchange of qualified farmland development rights to a tax-exempt conservation organization.

- Sponsor: Pitts, Joseph R. (R-PA)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1026, Agricultural Export Facilitation Act of 2007** – Amends the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSREEA of 2000) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize, under a general license, certain travel-related transactions for travel to, from, or within Cuba in connection with food and medicine sales. Ends the “payment of cash in advance” rule by prohibiting the president from restricting direct transfers from a Cuban financial institution to a U.S. financial institution executed in payment for a product authorized for sale under TSREEA of 2000.

- Sponsor: Rep. Moran, Jerry (R-KA)
- Status: Unfavorable Executive Comment Received from USDA.

## Law Enforcement

**H.R. 3153, Death to Cop Killers Act of 2007** - 31 states already consider the murder or attempted murder of a police officer enough to warrant the consideration of the death penalty. There is nothing in the current federal crimes code to allow for the murder of a law enforcement officer to be an aggravating circumstance in the determination of whether or not to impose the death penalty. This bill makes the standard nationwide by adding the killing or the attempted killing of a law enforcement officer as an aggravating factor in death penalty proceedings. (There are 16 existing statutory aggravating factors for homicides).

- Sponsor: Rep. Gerlach, Jim (R-PA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 2391, Public Safety Officer Family Health Benefits Act** - Authorizes an individual, who is a family member of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty, to enroll in an approved federal employee health benefits plan as an individual or for self and family. The Act also specifies the individual's and the government's contributions toward the enrollment charge.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stupak, Bart (D-MI)
- Status: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia

**H.R. 3440, Law Enforcement Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act of 2007** – Provides standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogations of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to

guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require States to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability and due process laws.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T. (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 146, Law Enforcement Officers Flag Memorial Act** - Allows the family of a deceased law enforcement officer to request, and the Attorney General to provide, a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol in honor of the officer, to be supplied by the Architect of the Capitol. Directs that the family pay the cost of such flag, including shipping.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 688, State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2007** – Sets forth the due process rights, including procedures, that shall be afforded a law enforcement officer who is the subject of an investigation or disciplinary hearing. Requires that each agency commence an investigation based on a complaint from outside the agency not later than 15 days after receipt of the complaint by the agency. Directs that any officer who is the subject of an investigation be notified of the investigation 24 hours before the commencement of questioning. Establishes rights of officers before and during questioning, including the right to counsel. Requires questioning to be conducted at reasonable hours. Prohibits an officer from being compelled to submit to the use of a lie detector.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ramstad, Jim (R-MN)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 866** - Honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the Coast Guard seizing over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, far surpassing all of our previous records.

- Sponsor: Rep. Coble, Howard (R-NC)

- Status: Passed House 391 - 0 (Roll no. 20)

## Transportation

**H.R. 1584** - Increases the allowable amount of the railroad track maintenance tax credit, and extends the credit through 2010; and allows the credit against alternative minimum tax liabilities.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pomeroy, Earl (D-ND)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.Amdt. 622 to H.R. 3074** - Prohibits the use of funds by the Federal Aviation Administration to eliminate, consolidate, de-consolidate, co-locate, execute inter-facility reorganization, or plan for the consolidation/deconsolidation, inter-facility reorganization, or co-location of any FAA air traffic control facility or service, with exception of the reversal of the transfer of the radar functions from the Palm Springs Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) to the Southern California TRACON.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hastings (D-FL)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 1773, Safe American Roads Act** – Sets forth several safety and security guidelines that the Department of Transportation must follow in allowing Mexican trucks to enter the U.S.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boyda, Nancy E. (D-KA)

- Status: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

**H.R. 1756, NAFTA Trucking Safety Act of 2007** - Prohibits a Mexican truck from being granted authority to operate beyond U.S. municipalities and commercial zones on the U.S.-Mexico border until the Department of Transportation Inspector General certifies to Congress that they have met conditions pertaining to the identification of federal motor carrier safety regulations and acceptance of compliance with Mexican safety regulations, regular monitoring and enforcement of immigration and customs regulations, driver records databases used in Mexico, and English language proficiency requirements applicable to drivers.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hunter, Duncan (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

**H.R. 1125, Freedom to Fly Act of 2007** – Allows pilots to fly up to age 65 as long as a co-pilot is under age 60.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hayes, Robin (R-NC)

- Status: Subcommittee on Aviation

**H.R. 2125, Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act of 2007** - Sets forth Surface Transportation Board (STB) directives calling for effective competition among rail carriers and reliable rail transportation service for rail customers by requiring a rail carrier, upon shipper request, to establish rates for transportation and provide requested service between any two points on the carrier's system. Requires the STB post rail service complaints on its website. Requires STB to submit certain rail rate, service, and other disputes to arbitration. Authorizes STB to investigate rail carrier violations on its own initiative (under current law, the STB is authorized to investigate only on complaint). Requires the STB to initiate an investigation upon receiving a complaint alleging rail carrier violations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Oberstar, James L. (D-MN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

**H.R. 3510, Keeping America's Freeways Free Act** – Prohibits the imposition and collection of tolls on highways constructed using federal gasoline tax dollars. It is the view that this constitutes a double tax on the American public.

- Sponsor: Rep. Peterson, John E. (R-PA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

## **Crime & Courts**

**H.R. 5434, Protecting Americans from Violent Crime Act of 2008** - Protects innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks.

- Sponsor: Rep Hensarling, Jeb (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans

**H.R. 3995** - Protects the interests of each resident of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded in class action lawsuits on behalf of such resident

- Sponsor: Rep. Frank, Barney (D-MA)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 4900, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Reform and Firearms Modernization Act of 2007** - To reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearms laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep King, Steve (R-IA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.Res. 700** - Commends the FTC and its partners for creating *We Don't Serve Teens* program to end underage drinking.

- Sponsor: Rep. Bono Mack, Mary (R-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Res. 616** - Commends Phoenix House, a provider of substance abuse treatment and prevention services operating more than 100 programs in NY, CA, TX, FL, NH, RI, MA, ME, and VT, for its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- Sponsor: Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. (D-NY)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 2898, Judicial Conduct Act of 2007** - Amends the federal judicial code to define the treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors for which a justice or judge of the United States, according to Articles II and III of the U.S. Constitution, shall be removed from office.

- Sponsor: Rep. Akin, W. Todd (R-MO)
- Status: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property

**H.Res. 576** - Recognizes September as National Youth Court Month for the efforts of such programs in enhancing the quality of the juvenile justice system in the United States

- Sponsor: Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny (R-FL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health Families and Communities

**H.Res. 539** - Requests that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in "National Night Out," which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stupak, Bart (D-MI)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 1627, Social Security Number Fraudulent Use Notification Act of 2007** - Requires the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to promptly notify individuals whose numbers have been used illegally.

- Sponsor: Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins (R-NC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Social Security

**H.R. 2128, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007** – Provides for media coverage of federal court proceedings. Allows judges discretion over when a court proceeding would be televised.

- Sponsor: Rep. Chabot, Steve (R-OH)
- Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 11.

**H.R. 2286, Bail Bond Fairness Act** - Mandates that a bail bond may only be forfeited if a defendant fails to appear in court as ordered. Historically, the purpose of bonds was to ensure the appearance of a defendant for a later court date. However, following a judicial interpretation from the 1980's, federal judges have been ordering bail bonds be forfeited even when the defendant appears in court if the defendant fails to behave in a certain way. Bail agents who underwrite federal bonds now must ensure not only appearance but other conditions – such as ensuring the defendant will not consume alcohol – over which the bail agent obviously has no control.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wexler, Robert (D-FL)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 2249, Federal Tort Claim Reform Act of 2007** - No person can make a claim for injuries received while committing a criminal act unless they can prove that willful excessive force was used against them.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCaul, Michael T. (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007** - Allows an individual who is employed as a prosecutor or public defender for 3 years to enter into a loan repayment agreement of \$10,000 per year and \$60,000 total to encourage continued employment in these fields.

- Sponsor: Rep. Scott, David (D-GA)
- Status: Passed House 341 - 73 (Roll no. 347)

**H.R. 1914, Terrorist Death Penalty Act of 2007** - Ensures the death penalty for terrorists.

- Sponsor: Rep. Carter, John R. (R-TX)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 1640, Protecting Americans Fighting Terrorism Act of 2007** - Exempts individuals from civil liability for reporting suspicious behavior to federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies, if such reporting is made in good faith and with the reasonable belief that such behavior is suspicious.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pearce, Stevan (R-NM)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 1063, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act** - Prohibits transporting a minor child across a state line to obtain an abortion (deems such transporting to be an abridgment of the right of a parent under any law in the minor's state of residence that requires parental involvement in

the minor's abortion decision). Makes an exception for an abortion necessary to save the life of the minor. Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to one year on a physician who performs or induces an abortion on an out-of-state minor in violation of parental notification requirements.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 855, Criminal Terrorism Improvements Act of 2007** – Imposes the death penalty or life imprisonment on individuals who cause the death of a person while committing a terrorist act.

- Sponsor: Rep Lungren, Daniel E. (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.Res. 826** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the hanging of nooses is a horrible act when used for the purpose of intimidation and which under certain circumstances can be a criminal act that should be thoroughly investigated by Federal law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Al (D-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 3010, Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007** - Requires that agreements to arbitrate employment, consumer, franchise, or civil rights disputes be made after the dispute has arisen. This Act does not prohibit arbitration, but it prevents a party with greater bargaining power from forcing an individual into arbitration through a non-negotiable contract entered into prior to the dispute. It ensures that arbitration is voluntary and not a coerced forum to resolve disputes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. (D-GA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law

**H.R. 3151, State and Local Criminal Forensic Laboratory Enhancement Act of 2007** -

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) award grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes to establish new criminal forensic laboratories or expand or improve existing laboratories and to hire and train new forensic laboratory professionals; and (2) give priority in awarding such grants to agencies in jurisdictions with the largest backlogs of criminal forensic examinations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Roskam, Peter J. (R-IL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

**H.R. 4041 Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act** - To amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Blunt, Roy (R-MO)

- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

## Energy

**H.R. 5911, Remove Incentives for Producing Ethanol Act of 2008** - Repeals certain incentives and subsidies for renewable fuels.

- Sponsor: Rep Flake, Jeff (R-AZ)

- Status: Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

**H.R. 5656** - Repeals a requirement with respect to the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels.

- Sponsor: Rep Hensarling, Jeb (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement

**H.R. 5616 Light Bulb Freedom of Choice Act** - Provides for the repeal of the phase out of incandescent light bulbs unless the Comptroller General makes certain specific findings.

- Sponsor: Rep Bachmann, Michele (R-MN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality

**H.R.3089, No More Excuses Energy Act of 2007** - Secures unrestricted reliable energy for American consumption and transmission.

- Sponsor: Rep Thornberry, Mac (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

**H.R. 2784, National Environmental and Energy Development Act** - Enhances the Nation's environmental, energy, economic, and national security by terminating long-standing Federal prohibitions on the domestic production of abundant offshore supplies of natural gas, to dedicate fixed percentages of the resultant royalties for environmental restoration projects, renewable energy and carbon sequestration research, and weatherization and energy assistance for those in need, and to share a portion of such royalties with producing States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Peterson, John E. (R-PA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

**H.R. 2279** - Expedites the construction of new refining capacity on closed military installations in the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. (R-PA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Readiness

**H.R. 683, Investment in Energy Independence Act of 2006** – Allows a tax credit for investment in coal-to-liquid fuels projects, allows a taxpayer election to expense the cost of coal-to-liquid fuels process property and coal-fired facilities for the production of ethanol placed in service before 2016, extends the election to expense oil and alternative fuel refineries until 2016, extends the excise tax credit for alternative fuels through FY2020.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lewis, Ron (R-KY)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

## **Religious & Constitutional Liberties**

**H.R. 5646, Protecting the Second Amendment and Hunting Rights on Federal Lands Act of 2008** - Protects the second amendment rights of individuals to carry firearms and ammunition in units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System and requires that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed.

- Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. [R-GA]

- Status: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans

**H.R. 3053, Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2007** - After *Kelo v. City of New London*, any property could be taken for the benefit of a private party. HR 3053, the *Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2007* would prevent the federal government or any authority from using economic development as a justification for exercising its power of eminent domain. This bill also seeks to discourage states and localities from abusing their eminent domain power by denying states or localities that commit such abuse all federal economic development funds for a two year period. This bill aims to protect property owners as well as tenants. This bill is substantially similar to H.R. 4128, which passed the House last Congress by 376-38.

- Sponsor: Rep. Waters, Maxine (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 3779, Andrew Larochelle God, Family, and Country Act of 2007** – Requires the Architect of the Capitol to acknowledge the word God on flag certificates that are issued at the request of a Member of the United States House of Representatives or of the United States Senate.

- Sponsor: Rep. Turner, Michael R. (R-OH)

- Status: House Committee on House Administration

**H.R. 2905, Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2007** - Provides that the FCC cannot promulgate a rule reinstating the fairness doctrine, which requires broadcasters to present opposing viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pence, Mike (R-IN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

**H.R. 618, Right to Life Act** - Declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. Defines "human being" to encompass all stages of life, including but not limited to the moment of fertilization or cloning.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hunter, Duncan (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 2104, Public Prayer Protection Act** – Protects the rights of elected and appointed officials to express their religious beliefs through public prayer by removing all 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment (establishment clause) cases involving prayer by public officials from federal district courts.

- Sponsor: Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham (R-SC)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act** – Prohibits federal entities from compelling those in the media to reveal sources or information unless a court determines it is essential and that the information seeking to be obtained cannot be obtained in other ways.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boucher, Rick (D-VA)

- Status: Passed House 398 - 21 (Roll no. 973).

**H.R. 2134, Parents Right to Know Act of 2007** – No federal funds may go to any family planning organization who knowingly provides contraception or prescriptions to a minor unless a parent consents or a court directs.

- Sponsor: Rep. Akin, W. Todd (R-MO)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.Res. 372** - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Feeney, Tom (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 1613, Sons and Daughters of America Act** – Prohibits the awarding of attorney’s fees in civil cases against deprivation of free speech from picketing, protesting, or demonstrating at a funeral or any other ceremony, procession, or memorial service.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tiahrt, Todd (R-KA)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 1399, District of Columbia Personal Protection Act** – Repeals the District of Columbia’s prohibition on the possession of firearms.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ross, Mike (D-AR)

- Status: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia

**H.R. 1359, Enumerated Powers Act** - Requires each Act of Congress to contain a concise and definite statement of the constitutional authority relied upon for the enactment of each portion of that Act. Declares that failure to comply with this requirement shall give rise to a point of order in either chamber of Congress.

- Sponsor: Rep. Shadegg, John (R-AZ)

- Status: Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Rules

**H.R. 724, Marriage Protection Act** - Denies federal courts jurisdiction to hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpretation of or the validity under the Constitution of the Defense of Marriage Act, which declares that no state shall be required to give effect to any marriage between persons of the same sex under the laws of any other state.

- Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan (R-IN)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 725, Public Expressions of Religion Protection Act of 2007** – Denies attorney’s fees in civil suits brought in a challenge to expression of religion, i.e. posting of the Ten Commandments, or the words, “In God We Trust”.

- Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan (R-IN)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 861, National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2007** - Authorizes a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm in one state and who is not prohibited from carrying a firearm under federal law to carry a concealed firearm in another state in accordance with the restrictions of that state.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 300, We the People Act** – Prohibits the Supreme Court and each federal court from adjudicating any claim or relying on judicial decisions involving state or local laws, regulations, or policies concerning religion, privacy, or marriage.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Con.Res. 244, Supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act**

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 847, Christmas Resolution** - This resolution recognizes the importance of Christmas and Christianity. It also calls attention to Christmas as a Christian holiday and Christianity's contributions to the foundation of Western Civilization and especially the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Steve (R-IA)

- Status: Passed House 372 - 9, 10 Present (Roll no. 1143)

**H.Res. 888, The Religious Heritage Resolution** - This resolution recognizes the significance of religious faith in the American experiment. It details the numerous events, documents, and historical facts demonstrating our nation's religious and spiritual heritage, and resolves that the House of Representatives: affirms the rich spiritual and religious history of our nation's founding and subsequent history, including up to the current day; recognizes that the religious foundations of faith on which America was built are critical underpinnings of our nation's most valuable institutions and form the inseparable foundation for America's representative processes, legal systems, and societal structures; rejects, in the strongest possible terms, any effort to remove, obscure, or purposely omit such history from our nation's public buildings and educational resources; and designates the first week in May of every year as American Religious History Week for the appreciation of and education about America's history of religious faith.

- Sponsor: Rep. Forbes, J. Randy (R-VA)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 3908, Loyalty to Our Legacy Act of 2007** - Directs the Architect of the Capitol to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance and the national motto "In God We Trust" are each displayed prominently in the Capitol Visitor Center on a permanent basis. Prohibits the Architect from removing or refusing to include language or other content from exhibits and materials relating to the Capitol Visitor Center on the grounds that the language or content includes a religious reference or Judeo-Christian content.

- Sponsor: Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. (R-CO)

- Status: House Committee on House Administration

## **Budget & Taxes**

**H.R. 5794** - Provides for the periodic review of the efficiency and public need for Federal agencies, to establish a Commission for the purpose of reviewing the efficiency and public need of such agencies, and to provide for the abolishment of agencies for which a public need does not exist.

- Sponsor: Rep Brady, Kevin (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 5728** - Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individual taxpayers to designate a portion of income taxes to fund the improvement of barriers at the United States border.

- Sponsor: Rep Capito, Shelley Moore (R-WV)
- Status: Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Homeland Security

**H.R. 5450, Modernize Our Bookkeeping In the Law for Employee's Cell Phone Act of 2008**

- Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property.
- Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Sam (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 5467, Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2008** - Amends the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

- Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Patrick J. (D-PA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement

**H.R. 1610** – Rolls back the tax assessed on beer by 50%. Currently, 41% of the price of beer is comprised of taxes. In 1990, Congress repealed the excise tax on luxury items like private jets, expensive jewelry, and yachts, but left the beer tax in place.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pomeroy, Earl (D-ND)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 3738, Earmark Reform Act of 2007** - Sets a cap on allocated funds for earmarks to \$14.5 million divided equally among all Members of Congress and Senators. Any earmark not used will be used to reduce total federal spending.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gingrey, Phil (R-GA)
- Status: House Committee on Rules and House Committee on the Budget

**H.R. 3622** - Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction.

- Sponsor: Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. (D-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1194, Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2007** - Repeals the excise tax on communication services (i.e., local telephone service, toll telephone service, and teletypewriter exchange service) that was imposed to fund the Spanish American War in 1898.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lewis, John (D-GA)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1023** - Repeals the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

- Sponsor: Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. (D-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Ways & Means

**H.R. 2734, Tax Increase Prevention Act** – Makes permanent the tax relief passed in 2001 and 2003. Provides a sense of Congress that the tax code is still too complex and needs to be simplified.

- Sponsor: Rep. Walberg, Timothy (R-MI)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1942, AMT Middle Class Fairness Act of 2007** - Modifies the alternative minimum tax on individuals by permitting the deduction for State and local taxes and to adjust the exemption amounts for inflation.

-Sponsor: Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)

-Status: House Committee on Ways & Means

**H.R. 2084, Family Budget Protection Act** - To reform Federal budget procedures, to impose spending safeguards, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, to account for accurate Government agency costs.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hensarling, Jeb (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on the Budget, House Committee on Rules, House Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 1871, Family Care Act of 2007** – Allows a credit of 40% of the costs of dependant child care for individuals making less than \$100,000 a year and 20% for those making more. These limits will be raised each year indexed for inflation.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gillibrand, Kirsten

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1586, Death Tax Repeal Act of 2007** - Repeals the federal estate and gift taxes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Thornberry, Mac (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1556, Married Student Debt Relief Act of 2007** - Allows a husband and wife filing a joint tax return to each claim the maximum tax deduction of \$2,500 for interest on education loans.

- Sponsor: Rep. Terry, Lee (R-NE)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 689, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2007** - Authorizes the President to propose the cancellation (line item veto) of any dollar amount of discretionary budget authority, item of direct spending, limited tariff benefit, or targeted tax benefit for Congress to vote on.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ryan, Paul (R-WI)

- Status: House Committee on Rules and House Committee on the Budget

**H.J. RES. 1, Balanced Budget Resolution** - Proposes a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States

- Sponsor: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob (R-VA)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**H.R. 25, FAIR Tax Act of 2007** - Repeals the income tax, employment tax, and estate and gift tax. Imposes a national sales tax on the use or consumption in the United States of taxable property or services.

- Sponsor: Rep. Linder, John (R-GA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 60** - Makes permanent the tax deduction for state and local sales taxes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Baird, Brian (D-WA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 411** - Makes permanent the tax deduction for child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, repeal of the estate tax, and the tax deduction for higher education expenses.

- Sponsor: Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 471, Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act of 2007** – Keeps the adoption tax credit and adoption assistance programs from the 2001 tax cuts in place and protects them from being eliminated.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe (R-SC)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 510, Tax Code Termination Act** - Terminates the current tax code by the end of 2010 and requires a new federal tax system by approved by Congress by July 4, 2010 that is simple and fair, applies a low rate to all Americans, promotes economic growth and job creation; and does not penalize marriage or families.

- Sponsor: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob (R-VA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 3457, Free File Enhancement Act of 2007** – Allows the Free File Alliance to offer software to be used with the IRS to file their returns electronically for free. Currently, taxpayers making \$54,000 or less can e-file for free. This bill expands that to everyone.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lofgren, Zoe (D-CA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 3818, Taxpayer Choice Act of 2007** – Eliminates the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) and also creates a voluntary simplified individual income tax system.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ryan, Paul (R-WI)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 3958, Truth in Accounting Act of 2007**

- Sponsor: Rep. Bachmann, Michele (R-MN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.

**H.R. 4845** - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude overtime pay from gross income.

- Sponsor: Rep. Fallin, Mary (R-OK)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 5109, Economic Growth Act** – Repeals limits on businesses who expense property. Reduces corporate income taxes. Reduces capital gains taxes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 5222, Semper Fi Act** - To rescind funds appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, for the City of Berkeley, California, and any entities located in such city, and to provide that such funds shall be transferred to the Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps account of the Department of Defense for the purposes of recruiting.

- Sponsor: Rep. Campbell, John (R-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Appropriations

**H.R. 5462** - To amend title 10, United States Code, to deny Federal funds for any State or city, county, or other political subdivision of a State that prohibits or unduly restricts the establishment or operation of a military recruiting office.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gohmert, Louie (R-TX)
- Status: Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Education and Labor

**H.R. 5180** - Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program.

- Sponsor: Rep. Loebsack, David (D-IA)
- Status: Committee on Appropriations and Committee on the Budget

## Education

**H.Res. 1130** - Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well being.

- Sponsor: Rep Graves, Sam (R-MO)
- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.R. 5735, Virginia Tech Victims Campus Emergency Response Policy and Notification Act** - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose their emergency response and evacuation procedures.

- Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Carolyn (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.Res. 1076** - Calling upon the courts to uphold the fundamental and constitutional right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children.

- Sponsor: Rep McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" (R-CA)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 2021, Right Start Child Care and Education Act of 2007** - Increases the rates and maximum allowable amount of the tax credit for employer-provided child care, increases the dollar limit on the child care tax credit, and allows a \$2,000 tax credit for child care providers who hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child care, or a related degree and who provide at least 1,200 hours of child care services in a taxable year.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch (D-MD)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 2363, Generating Opportunity by Forgiving Educational Debt for Service Act of 2007**

- Excludes from gross income student loan repayments by the federal government on behalf of federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active duty. Exempts such repayments from social security taxes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 3177, Local Education Authority Returns Now Act** - Allows a State to opt out of K-12 education grant programs and the requirements of those programs and provides a credit to taxpayers in such a State.

- Sponsor: Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)
- Status: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

**H.R. 2588, Comprehensive Coverdell Modernization Act** - Would double the current after-tax contribution limit to the Education Savings Accounts to \$4,000, to adjust to increased tuition costs. It would also index the contribution limit to inflation and remove the 2011 sunset for the contribution limits (currently, the limit is set to roll back to \$500 in 2011).

- Sponsor: Rep. Drake, Thelma D. (R-VA)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1761, The Teacher Incentive Fund** - Allows state and local school districts to apply for federal funds to develop, implement or improve performance-based compensation systems. This is a reward system for teachers that are able to increase student achievement.

- Sponsor: Rep. Price, Tom (R-GA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

**H.R. 2772, Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007** - Repeals the windfall elimination provision as it affects the retirement benefits of public servants.

- Sponsor: Rep. Brady, Kevin (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 2287, Teacher Tax Credit Act of 2007** – Allows a kindergarten through grade 12 teacher, instructor, counselor, principal, or aide in a public elementary or secondary school who works at least 900 hours during a school year, a \$2,000 tax credit.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Heather (R-NM)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1058, Hope Plus Scholarship Act of 2007** - Includes elementary and secondary education expenses for the purposes of claiming the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1407, Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act of 2007** - Repeals the dollar limitation on the tax deduction for interest on education loans and expands eligibility for such deduction by revising the modified adjusted gross income phaseout for such deduction, makes the tax deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses permanent, increases from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the maximum allowable contribution to a Coverdell savings account.

- Sponsor: Rep. English, Phil (R-PA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1059, Teacher Tax Cut Act of 2007** - Provides a tax credit of \$3,000 for full-time elementary and secondary school teachers.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 17, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007** – Would provide payments to counties whose regular Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management receipt-sharing payments had declined. Since 1908, the Forest Service has paid 25% of its gross receipts to the states for use on roads and schools in the counties where the national forests are located. Receipts come from sales, leases, rentals, or other fees for using national forest lands or resources. This program was enacted to compensate local governments for the tax-exempt status of the national forests, and funds are allocated toward road and school programs.

- Sponsor: Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. (D-OR)

- Status: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

**H.R. 3614, Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2007** - Would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant 5% of Federal land to western states with a large proportion of public land. States cannot tax Federal land to raise money for schools. This measure would permit them to sell or lease 5% of the Federal land and would require all proceeds generated from sale or lease be directed to the support of public education.

Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Rob (R-UT)

Status: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

**H.R. 82, Social Security Fairness Act of 2007** – Repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) that affects most teachers and public service employees. WEP reduces Social Security benefits of workers who also have pension benefits from jobs not covered by Social Security (i.e. local government workers such as teachers, first responders, etc.) Its purpose is to remove a perceived advantage these workers would receive because of Social Security's benefit formula that gives higher benefits for lower earnings. EXAMPLE: A normal worker gets 90% of the first \$656 of earnings for \$590.40. A worker under WEP gets 40% of the first \$656 of earnings for \$262.40. The monthly difference is: \$328. GPO kicks in when individuals receive Social Security spousal benefits and at the same time, a

government pension based on non-Social Security covered work. GPO reduces by 2/3 these spousal benefits based on work that was not covered by Social Security.

- Sponsor: Rep. Berman, Howard (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Social Security

**H.Res. 789** - This resolution honors the contributions of public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities dedicated to finding homes for foster children and assisting foster families.

- Sponsor: Rep. Bachmann, Michele (R-MN)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

## Financial Services

**H.R. 5872** - Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America.

- Sponsor: Rep Sessions, Pete (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Financial Services

**H.Res. 977** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that rebate checks would better stimulate the economy if spent on American-made products and services from American-owned companies.

- Sponsor: Rep. Braley, Bruce L. (D-IA)

- Status: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**H.R. 1029, Damaged Vehicle Information Act** - Requires insurance companies and others that close contracts on totaled motor vehicles due to flood or water damage, collision, fire damage, theft and recovery to disclose VINs of totaled cars to the public. Public disclosure would red-flag totaled vehicles forever and help consumers by making it harder for fraudulent seller to hide vehicle damage.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection

**H.R. 1776, Call Center Consumer's Right to Know Act** - Would require call center employees to indicate their location at the beginning of every telephone call they make or receive. The bill would also subject companies whose employees do not truthfully disclose their location to civil penalties. So when you call customer service for United Airlines and can't understand the person on the phone who is trying to help you, *they will have to say that are in fact speaking from India*, and you are divulging your flight information and whatever other personal details you may have to provide to a *foreign national*.

- Sponsor: Rep. Altmire, Jason (D-PA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection

**H.R. 1537, The Credit Union Regulatory Improvements Act of 2007 (CURIA)** - Updates current capital requirements for credit unions. It would restructure capital and net worth requirements to more accurately reflect asset risks. Helps America's credit unions promote local economic growth by providing for modest expansion in credit union business lending. It would increase the 12.25% of assets limit on credit union business lending put in place by Congress in

1998. It would also allow credit unions to extend their services to areas with high unemployment, below median incomes. Provides credit unions with limited relief from certain outdated regulatory burdens. For example, would provide NCUA with more flexibility to set max loan terms and interest rates, increase credit union investments in credit union service organizations, allow limited investments in securities, improve credit union governance, increase credit union conversion voting requirements,

- Sponsor: Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. (D-PA)
- Status: House Committee on Financial Services

**H.R. 111, Community Choice in Real Estate Act** – Prohibits financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. (D-PA)
- Status: House Committee on Financial Services

**H.R. 4014, Insurance Non-Discrimination for Survivors Act** - To prohibit discrimination in insurance coverage to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- Sponsor: Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D-CA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection

## **Military & Veterans**

**H.R. 4141** - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a plot allowance for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State cemeteries.

- Sponsor: Rep Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)
- Status: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

**H.R. 1589, Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act** - Repeals the offset from surviving spouse annuities under the military Survivor Benefit Plan for amounts paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as dependency and indemnity compensation, to repeal the optional annuity authority for the dependent children of a member when there is an eligible surviving spouse.

- Sponsor: Rep Brown, Henry E., Jr. (R-SC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.Con.Res. 336** - Honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans.

- Sponsor: Rep Altmire, Jason (D-PA)
- Status: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**H.Res. 1139** - Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and congratulating the men and women who provide exceptional service to our military and keep our Pacific Fleet "fit to fight".

- Sponsor: Rep Abercrombie, Neil (D-HI)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.Res. 1086** - Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008.

- Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 5868, Caleb Martin-Travis Dodson Wounded Warrior Retention Act** - Provides for the retention of members of the Armed Forces on active service or in an active status who would otherwise be retired or separated for a combat-related disability, but who are still medically able to perform noncombat-related military occupational specialties or duties.

- Sponsor: Rep Pearce, Stevan (R-NM)

- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 5673, Military Voting Protection Act of 2008** - Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to direct the Secretary of Defense to collect absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters for elections for Federal office and deliver the ballots to State election officials prior to the time established for the closing of the polls on the date of the election.

- Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Kevin (R-CA)

- Status: House Committee on House Administration

**H.Res. 1122** - Recognizing Armed Forces Day

- Sponsor: Rep Musgrave, Marilyn N. (R-CO)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Con.Res. 334** - Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

- Sponsor: Rep Shays, Christopher (R-CT)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 5825** - Ensures the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled.

- Sponsor: Rep Nunes, Devin (R-CA)

- Status: House Armed Services, House Veterans' Affairs, House Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 2330, Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act of 2007** - Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for hiring veterans.

- Sponsor: Rep McCotter, Thaddeus G. (R-MI)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.Res. 1020** - Recognizing the tremendous service that members of the Armed Forces have given to the Nation, especially those who have been wounded in combat.

- Sponsor: Rep Welch, Peter (D-VT)

- Status: Passed House

**H.Con.Res. 320** - Honoring Army Specialist Monica L. Brown, extending gratitude to her and her family, and pledging continuing support for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

- Sponsor: Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila (D-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 5440, FISA Amendments Act of 2008** - Amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence.

- Sponsor: Rep Fossella, Vito (R-NY)
- Status: Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Intelligence

**H.Con.Res. 315** - Supports the idea that coalition victory in Iraq is possible.

- Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe (R-SC)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 5564** - Excludes an individual who has been convicted of committing certain sex offenses from receiving certain burial-related benefits and funeral honors which are otherwise available to certain veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and related individuals.

- Sponsor: Rep Shadegg, John B. (R-AZ)
- Status: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**H.Res. 1004** - Expressing sincere congratulations to the United States Navy and the Department of Defense for successfully intercepting the disabled National Reconnaissance Office satellite, NROL-21, on February 20, 2008.

- Sponsor: Rep Rohrabacher, Dana (R-CA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

**H.Con.Res. 301** - Encouraging the United States Geological Survey, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense to support a recovery mission for the human remains of the crew killed in the George One crash in Antarctica.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 4930** - Ensures that members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who have served on active duty or performed active service since September 11, 2001, in support of a contingency operation or in other emergency situations receive credit for such service in determining eligibility for early receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

- Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe (R-SC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 3229, National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act** – Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$1 coins emblematic of the courage, pride, sacrifice, sense of duty, and history of the U.S. Infantry, in commemoration of the legacy of the U.S. Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. Requires a \$10 surcharge per coin, and payment of all surcharges received to the

National Infantry Foundation to establish an endowment to support the maintenance of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

- Sponsor: Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. (R-GA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.

**H.Res. 750** - Recognizing the noble service of the 147th Fighter Wing on their 90th anniversary.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lampson, Nick (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.Res. 111** - Establishes a select committee on POW and MIA affairs to investigate unresolved matter relating to personnel unaccounted for in the Vietnam-era, Korean conflict, WWII, Cold War, and Gulf War.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. (R-NY)

- Status: House Committee on Rules

**H.Res. 680** - Condemns the actions of September 7, 2007, resulting in damage to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial.

- Sponsor: Rep. Carter, John R. (R-TX)

- Status: Passed House 418 - 0 (Roll no. 989)

**H.Res. 644** - Reaffirms the commitment of the House of Representatives to respecting the independent and professional reputation of General David H. Petraeus and all members of the United States Armed Forces serving in good standing in the defense of the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boehner, John A. (R-OH)

- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.Con.Res. 176** - Creates a commemorative stamp honoring our nation's more than 3 million disabled veterans.

- Sponsor: Rep. Buchanan, Vern (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

**H.R. 3007** - Provides an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces.

- Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Mike (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 2434, Veterans' Right to Know Act** - Requires the VA to update veterans on the status of their claims every 60 days until that claim is "closed or satisfied."

- Sponsor: Rep. Drake, Thelma D. (R-VA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

**H.R. 2303, Perpetual Purple Heart Stamp Act** - Recognizes the Purple Heart as a symbol of freedom like the American Flag and honors veterans by creating a Purple Heart Forever Stamp. It will have no denomination and will remain valid regardless of changes in postal rates.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. (R-NY)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 2682, Military Spouses Employment Act of 2007** – Makes the employers of spouses of military personnel eligible for the work opportunity credit. The work opportunity credit was originally passed to induce employers to hire employees receiving benefits under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program and other groups thought to experience employment problems regardless of general economic conditions. This bill seeks to provide employers with an incentive to hire those who are military spouses.

- Sponsor: Rep. Carter, John R. (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007** -

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly benefit of \$1,000 to certain honorably-discharged veterans of the U.S. Merchant Marine who served between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946 (or to their survivors). Includes service in the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service. Exempts from taxation benefits paid under this Act.

- Sponsor: Rep. Filner, Bob (D-CA)

- Status: Passed House, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**H.Res. 391** - Recognizes the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the North Texas Commission, USO, and the people and businesses of North Texas for their dedication to the "Welcome Home a Hero" program.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sessions (R-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 551, Home Ownership for America's Veterans Act of 2007** - Would make Qualified Veterans Mortgage Bonds (that are tax-exempt) available to most veterans in the five states that offer low interest rate home loans to veterans (Alaska, Oregon, Wisconsin, California, and Texas). HR 4297 (passed in 2005) eliminated an old restriction (that limited the beneficiaries of the QVMB program to only veterans entering the armed forces prior to 1/1/1977) for only Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin. This bill would take care of TX and CA.

- Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Susan (D-CA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R. 1481, The Military Access to Housing Act** - Currently, the tax code treats the "basic allowance for housing" for military personnel who live off their post or base as "income," thereby disqualifying some military families from living in private developments financed with a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). (Many military families find themselves in this situation when relocating due to BRAC). This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude military basic housing allowances from income for purposes of establishing eligibility for housing in qualified residential rental projects.

- Sponsor: Rep. Moran, Jerry (R-KA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.Con.Res. 48** - Recognizes the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of

the United States Armed Forces during and following WWII who were responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies.

- Sponsor: Rep. Granger, Kay (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.Res. 313** - Recognizes and commends Volunteers of Our Military Kids, Inc. for awarding grants to over 1,100 school-aged children of deployed and severely injured National Guard and Reserve personnel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. (D-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 1330** – Allows for an extension up to ten years from service in a Guard or Reserve capacity to take advantage of education assistance benefits (i.e. G.I. Bill).

- Sponsor: Rep. Carney, Christopher P. (D-PA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 1062, Security and Victory in Iraq Act of 2007** - Directs the President every 30 days to certify to the appropriate congressional committees the extent to which the government of Iraq is cooperating with U.S. stability efforts in Iraq and has made demonstrable progress toward achieving stability and security for its people, denying terrorists a sanctuary in Iraq, and ensuring equal access to resources.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boehner, John (R-OH)
- Status: House Committee on Rules

**H.R. 869** – Does not allow the president to employ the Armed Forces to restore public order and enforce the law in major public emergencies. Instead, it restores previous authority of the President to use the Armed Forces to suppress situations which interfere with state or federal law.

- Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Tom (R-VA)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 826, State Defense Force Improvement Act** - Recognizes state defense forces as integral military components of the homeland security effort of the United States, while reaffirming that such forces remain entirely state regulated, organized, and equipped, and recognizing that they will be used for homeland security purposes exclusively at the local level under state law.

Leaves participation by a state defense force in a DOD DHS training program to state discretion.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe (R-SC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 718, National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007** – Adds the Chief of the National Guard Bureau as a member on the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and raises the grade of the Chief from lieutenant general to general.

- Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Tom (R-VA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 692, Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007 -** Allows a governor of a state, territory, or possession of the United States to proclaim that the national flag be flown at half-staff upon the death of a member of the Armed Forces from the governor's state, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stupak, Bart (D-MI)
- Status: Public Law 110-41

**H.R. 653, Joseph I. Hoover Combat Veteran Affidavit Act of 2007 -** Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for purposes of eligibility for veterans' disability compensation and benefits, to accept the sworn affidavit of a veteran who served on or before July 27, 1953, as proof of a service connection of a disease or injury alleged to have been incurred in or aggravated by such service, if there is no clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. NOTE: A fire in a St. Louis VA facility burned most records prior to this date.

- Sponsor: Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. (R-NY)
- Status: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

**H.R. 652, Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act -** Makes the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

- Sponsor: Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. (R-NY)
- Status: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

**H.R. 511 -** Pledges the faithful support of Congress to members of the United States Armed Forces serving in harm's way and states that Congress will not cut off or restrict funding for units and members of the Armed Forces that the Commander in Chief has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

- Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Sam (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.Res. 147 -** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States is committed to victory in the global War on Terror and committed to victory on that battlefield in the War on Terror that is Iraq.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Steve (R-IA)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.Res. 265 -** Honoring military children during "National Month of the Military Child".

- Sponsor: Rep. Moran, James P. (D-VA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 22 –** Would provide additional funding for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure functions to the military in FY07 up to the amount authorized.

- Sponsor: Rep. Cole, Tom (R-OK)
- Status: House Committee on Appropriations

**H.R. 140 –** Requires the TRICARE Program (a Department of Defense managed health care program) to reimburse institutional providers of health care services in an identical reimbursement provided under Medicare.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)
- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 156** – Amends veterans' benefit provisions to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of veterans rated totally disabled at the time of death who were former prisoners of war (currently, to the survivors of such veterans who died after September 30, 1999).

- Sponsor: Rep. Holden, Tim (D-PA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

**H.R. 346** – Re-designates the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jones, Walter (R-NC)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 418** – Allows tax free rollovers of military death gratuities to Roth individual retirement accounts, health savings and Archer medical savings accounts, and Coverdell education savings accounts.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. (R-NC)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

**H.Con.Res. 60** – Recognizes the importance of veterans to the United States. Expresses support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) Day (programs that educate children about the service and sacrifices of veterans and their families).

- Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. (D-NJ)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 783** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration employees, volunteers, and veterans' service organizations that perform funeral honors and memorial honor details should be permitted to recite the 13 steps to fold an American flag (known as the "13-fold recital") at any national cemetery if requested by the family of the deceased.

- Sponsor: Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. (R-OH)
- Status: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**H.Res. 784** - Recognizing and honoring, in community post offices, the service of men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces deployed overseas.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Kevin (R-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Res. 786** - Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that general appropriations for military construction and veterans' affairs be considered as stand-alone measures.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gingrey, Phil (R-GA)
- Status: House Committee on Rules

**H.R. 2495, Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act** - This measure would allow all disabled veterans to access military commissaries and exchange stores, not just those rated at 100% disability. On average that's a savings of 30% of a veteran's grocery bill.

- Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan (R-IN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

**H.R. 3793, Veterans Guaranteed Bonus Act of 2007** - Requires the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated.

- Sponsor: Rep. Altmire, Jason (D-PA)

- Status: Passed House 405 - 0 (Roll no. 1176)

**H.R. 4104, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008** - Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wicker, Roger F. (R-MS)

- Status: Committee on Appropriations and Committee on the Budget

**H.Res. 958** - Reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to the patriotic and professional men and women serving in the United States Marine Corps in defense of the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kline, John (R-MN)

- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

**H.R. 5148, Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act of 2008**

- Sponsor: Rep. Neugebauer, Randy (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## Healthcare

**H.Res. 1086** - Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008.

- Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 1343, Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007** - Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 5265, Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008** - Provides for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

- Sponsor: Rep Engel, Eliot L. (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**H.R. 1845, The Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Access Act of 2007** - Establishes guidelines for how the Secretary of Health and Human Services awards competitive contracts. Rural areas and areas of low population are exempt. After the Secretary implements the initial 10 competitive acquisition areas, the Secretary must report to Congress on the impact of competitive bidding. HR 1845 also prohibits expanding the coverage of competitive acquisition programs.

*Note: Donald Sievertson, Orion Group Medical Supply, Kingwood TX requested support*

- Sponsor: Rep. Tanner, John S. (D-TN)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.Res. 524** - Recognizes the importance of the federal government's continued support of Diamond-Blackfan Anemia (DBA) research and that federal support of comprehensive centers for rare disease patients enhances the ability for experienced doctors to provide the most complete care for each patient. It also expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the government has a responsibility to raise awareness and to encourage research efforts of DBA.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy (D-NY)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 1479, Federal Acupuncture Coverage Act** - Provides for coverage of qualified acupuncturist services and provide access to acupuncture under Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. (D-NY)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 621, Home Oxygen Patient Protection Act of 2007** - Restores treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment that existed prior to the enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

Repeals: (1) the limitation of Medicare payment to the supplier for such equipment (including portable oxygen equipment) to 36 months of continuous use; and (2) the requirement that the equipment supplier transfer title to the individual at the end of such period, with payments continuing at specified monthly rates. *Note: Donald Sievertson, Orion Group Medical Supply, Kingwood, TX requested support.*

- Sponsor: Rep. Price, Tom (R-GA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 3090, Patient and Pharmacy Protection Act of 2007** - Amends the Social Security Act to limit class II narcotics the required use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under Medicaid. Effective October 1, 2007, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations law mandates that paper prescriptions for Medicaid outpatient drugs be written on tamper-resistant pads in order to be eligible for reimbursement. While the Texas Pharmacy Association understands this provision was designed to prevent fraudulent activity and reduce government spending, the implementation date leaves little time for federal and state Medicaid officials to educate doctors and pharmacists about the new requirements. This bill would allow more time for Texas Medicaid officials to educate doctors and pharmacists in rural communities about the new requirements. Patients in need of medications could be denied medication if doctors fail to write prescriptions on "tamper

resistant” paper. Therefore, Texas pharmacies would have to refuse to fill the Medicaid prescriptions.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Charles (D-OH)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 3584, SCHIP Extension Act of 2007** – Funding under the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) is set to expire this year. This bill would extend SCHIP funding for 18 months. The SCHIP program remains unchanged in this bill; however, this bill allows Secretary to give money on an as-needed basis to the 13 shortfall states (Alaska, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin).

- Sponsor: Rep. Barton, Joe (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 2583, Physician Workforce and Graduate Medical Education Enhancement Act of 2007** - Would create an interest-free loan program for rural hospitals for residency training in family and internal medicine, as well as pediatrics, emergency medicine, and other specialties.

- Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 2387, Parental Consent Act** - Would forbid federal money from being used to fund a universal mental health screening program in schools without parental consent.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities

**H.R. 2053, Medicare Anesthesiology Teaching Funding Restoration Act of 2007** - Would set forth a special payment rule of 100% of the fee schedule amount for teaching anesthesiologists involved in the training of physician residents, if certain presence and availability requirements are met.

- Sponsor: Rep. Becerra, Xavier (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 1866, Medicare Access to Rural Anesthesiology Act of 2007** - Would allow some rural hospitals to use Medicare Part A funds on a “pass-through” basis to pay for the services of anesthesiologists. Note: They were formerly authorized to receive funds from Part A in the 1980s to attract anesthesiologists to rural areas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Cuellar, Henry (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 2164, Medicare Ambulance Payment Extension Act** - Provides an additional 5% increase in Medicare payments for ground ambulance services furnished on or after January 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2010.

- Sponsor: Rep. McNulty, Michael R. (D-NY)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 2147, Healthy Kids Act** – Expands the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by providing states with “financial incentives and resources” to get more kids enrolled in SCHIP and Medicaid. It would make certain that no child currently enrolled loses coverage. If states can “streamline the enrollment process,” they will get an increased federal matching rate for SCHIP. Would also make sure that kids who qualify for other assistance programs like food stamps and school lunches will automatically be enrolled in Medicaid or SCHIP. Gives families not eligible a “tax credit” to buy health insurance for their kids.

- Sponsor: Rep. Emanuel, Rahm (D-IL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 1823, Ambulatory Surgical Center Medicare Payment Modernization Act of 2007** - Would establish a payment rate for these services at 75% of the determined hospital outpatient department payment rate. Provides “transparency” in pricing and allows beneficiaries to compare costs. Would also require Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to list procedures that ASC’s would not be paid for instead of what they would be paid for. Reimbursement would be available for these procedures as long as the Health and Human Services Secretary cannot identify a specific risk or an overnight stay is not required.

- Sponsor: Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. (D-FL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 457, Cures Can Be Found Act of 2007** - Allows tax credits for donations to stem cell research or storage facilities of umbilical cord blood. Allows credits only for donations to facilities that do not engage in research on stem cells derived from human embryos.

- Sponsor: Rep Paul, Ron (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Ways & Means

**H.R. 1459** - Improves Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility.

- Sponsor: Tanner, John S. (D-TN)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 1293, Access to Medicare Imaging Act of 2007** - Establishes a two-year moratorium on Medicare physician payment reductions for advanced diagnostic imaging services. Revises the list of covered services to include only diagnostic magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), positron emission tomography (PET) (all covered under current law), plus nuclear cardiology procedures.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 1153, Parental Right to Decide Protection Act** - Prohibits federal funds or other assistance from being made available to any state or political subdivision to establish or implement any requirement that individuals receive vaccination for human papilloma virus (HPV).

- Sponsor: Rep. Gingrey, Phil (R-GA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 322, Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act of 2007 –**

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop techniques for the isolation, derivation, production, or testing of stem cells that are capable of producing all or almost all of the cell types of the developing body and may result in improved understanding of treatments for diseases and other adverse health conditions, but are not derived from a human embryo.

- Sponsor: Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. (R-MD)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007 –** Prohibits discrimination by insurance companies and employers on the basis of genetic information.

- Sponsor: Rep. Slaughter, Louise (D-NY)

- Status: Passed House 420 - 3 (Roll no. 261)

**H.Res. 760 -** Supporting the goals and ideals of Children's Health Month.

- Sponsor: Rep. Castor, Kathy (D-FL)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 2762 -** This bill would renew the Special Diabetes Program, which has been in existence for 10 years and currently has 60,000 patients enrolled in clinical trials. If the program is not renewed this year, these trials will need to be delayed or possibly eliminated. It authorizes appropriations for \$200 million for FY 09 – FY 13 for Type I Diabetes research and diabetes prevention and treatment through Indian health facilities.

- Sponsor: Rep. DeGette, Diana (D-CO)

- Status: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**H.R. 3533, The Public and Teaching Hospital Preservation Act -** This bill extends a moratorium by one-year on a final rule that concerns the Federal-State financial relationship under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program and graduate medical education. This bill emphasizes the importance that Congress has the authority to regulate funding of public hospitals, not CMS.

- Sponsor: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. (D-NY)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health

## Labor

**H.Res. 282 -** Declares that the United States Postal Service (USPS) should discontinue the practice of contracting out mail delivery services.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sires, Albio (D-NJ)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 1142, Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2007 -** Provides that federal firefighters who suffer from heart disease, lung disease, specified cancers and infectious diseases sustained while on the job can file for workers compensation and disability with the understanding their job duties led to these hazards. In other words, these injuries would be presumed to be job-related rather than having to provide the burden of proof. Many municipal firefighters already have "presumptive liability" protections.

- Sponsor: Rep. Capps, Lois (D-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007** – Provides collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by states or local governments. Essentially it allows public safety employees (including volunteer firefighters) to unionize. Allows a state to exempt from its state law, or from the requirements of this Act, any locality of a state with a population of less than 5,000 or that employs fewer than 25 full-time employees.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kildee, Dale E. (D-MI)
- Status: Passed House 314 - 97 (Roll no. 633)

**H.R. 239, Working Americans Growing the Economy (WAGE) Act of 2007** – Increases the federal minimum wage incrementally to \$7.25 an hour over 2 years, but allows an employer to pay \$6.25 over 2 years if they provide at least \$2,500 in health care costs to their employees in any given year.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Heather (R-NM)
- Status: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

**H.R. 697, National Right-to-Work Act** – Does not require employees to join a union as a condition of employment.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe (R-SC)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

**H.R. 3646** - To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a joint study on the fields of employment for which the greatest need for employees exists in various geographic areas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

## Science & Technology

**H.R. 255, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2007** – Directs the president to establish or designate an Interagency Committee to plan and coordinate Federal efforts in manufacturing research and development, with an Advisory Committee from the non-Federal sector.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. (R-MI)
- Status: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation

## Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 5886, Limiting the Intrusive Miles of International Terrorist Sponsors Act of 2008** - Restricts the diplomatic travel of officials and representatives of state sponsors of terrorism.

- Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. (R-GA)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Con.Res. 332** - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff (R-NE)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 1127** - Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press.

- Sponsor: Rep Ackerman, Gary L. (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R.3658** - Amends the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service.

- Sponsor: Rep Fortuno, Luis G. (R-PR)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Con.Res. 322** - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep Pelosi, Nancy (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House 417 - 0 (Roll no. 210)

**H.R. 5752** - Provides for the security of United States passports.

- Sponsor: Rep Sali, Bill (R-ID)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 5847** - Prohibits United States funding for the 2009 United Nations Durban Review Conference ("Durban II Conference") or any other activity relating to the planning, preparation, or implementation of a follow-up meeting to the 2001 United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance ("Durban I Conference") in Durban, South Africa.

- Sponsor: Rep Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 1110** - Condemning Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization responsible for the murders of 26 United States citizens.

- Sponsor: Rep Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 1069** - Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children.

- Sponsor: Rep Crowley, Joseph (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 690** - Expressing grave concern of the House of Representatives for Iran and Syria's continued and systematic violations of UN Resolutions 1701 and 1559.

- Sponsor: Rep. Israel, Steve (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 1024** - Recognizing the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 3898** - Restricts the travel of leaders of nations on the State Department's State Sponsors of Terrorism list. Leaders would not be allowed to participate in any events outside their official duties at the United Nations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Fossella, Vito (R-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 560** - Expresses outrage with the actions taken by Chavez to nationalize oil production. It also encourages the protection of investment and property rights, recognizes the contributions of American workers who made projects in Venezuela a possibility, and urges American companies to stand up for the property rights of shareholders in the face of unjust practices.

- Sponsor: Rep. Barton, Joe (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 676** - Declares that it should continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 3650, North Korean Counterterrorism and Nonproliferation Act** - Requires that North Korea stay on the state sponsor of terrorism list until it meets certain criteria including: ending the transfer of nuclear technology specifically to Iran and Syria, ending training, harboring or financing of Hamas or Hezbollah in any way, and releasing political prisoners and prisoners of war.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 3633** - Provides more direction on the application of a provision within the Export Administration Act of 1979 on the export of civil aircraft parts.

- Sponsor: Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. (R-IL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 639** - Commending Germany on their work and cooperation with U.S. intelligence agencies in preventing terrorist attacks.

- Sponsor: Rep. Gallegly, Elton (R-CA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 420** - Condemns the recent murders of three Christian workers in Turkey and expressing support for the efforts of the Government of Turkey to investigate and prosecute those individuals responsible for the murders under charges of terrorism.

- Sponsor: Rep. Inglis, Bob (R-SC)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 121** - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Forces' coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as "comfort women", during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II.

- Sponsor: Rep. Honda, Michael M. (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 2828, Foreign Service Victims of Terrorism Act of 2007** - Would provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. (D-IL)
- Status: Passed House 409 - 12 (Roll no. 930)

**H.Con.Res. 188** - Condemns the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994. The 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred on July 18, 2007.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 557** - Condemns the new Human Rights Council of the United Nations for constantly accusing Israel of human rights violations, and for simultaneously ignoring major world crises such as those in the Sudan, Burma, North Korea, Uzbekistan, Iran, and Zimbabwe.

- Sponsor: Rep. Campbell, John (R-CA)
- Status: Passed House 416 - 2 (Roll no. 901)

**H.R. 2799, Quadrennial Foreign Affairs Review Act** - Will require the Department of State to review the nation's diplomatic strategy, programs, personnel, and organizational structure and produce a quadrennial report much like that of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) issued by the Department of Defense. This bill will keep members of Congress and the public apprised of the Administration's diplomatic goals and operations on a consistent basis.

- Sponsor: Rep. Thornberry, Mac (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 235** - Supports the upgrading of Israel's relationship with the NATO by calling on the U.S. to support Israel's inclusion in the Mediterranean dialogue and in NATO's Partners for Peace Program.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wexler, Robert (D-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 2960, Department of State Crisis Response Act of 2007** - Will help the State Department respond to the passport processing personnel shortage by re-employing "vital former employees." A retiree of the Foreign Service may be re-employed by the State Department on a part-time, temporary stint to ease this burden.

- Sponsor: Rep. Capuano, Michael E. (D-MA)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 2712, United Nations Transparency, Accountability, and Reform Act of 2007** – Makes it the policy of the United States for the President to seek a shift in the funding mechanism for the budget of the United Nations. Under the bill, the President shall direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the United Nations to shift the funding mechanism for the regular budget of the United Nations to a voluntary basis, and to make it a priority to build support for such a transformational change among Member States, particularly key UN donors.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 2332, Syria Accountability and Liberation Act** - States that U.S. sanctions, controls, and regulations relating to Syria shall remain in effect until the President certifies that Syria has ceased support for terrorism, has dismantled biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons programs and has committed to combat their proliferation, respects the boundaries and sovereignty of all neighboring countries, and upholds human rights and civil liberties. Imposes specified trade, assistance, and military sanctions, as appropriate, on persons or countries that transfer goods or technology so as to contribute to Syria's biological, chemical, nuclear, or advanced conventional weapons programs. Sets forth diplomatic measures intended to isolate the government of Syria.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Subcommittee on Trade

**H.Res. 449** - Encouraging the Federal Government and State and municipal governments, universities, companies, and other institutions in the United States, and all Americans to divest from companies that do business with Sudan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. (R-CO)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs & House Committee on Financial Services

**H.Res. 422** - Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House 410-0 (Roll No. 427)

**H.Res. 418** - Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean.

- Sponsor: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. (D-NY)
- Status: Passed House 386-0 (Roll No. 450)

**H.Res. 416** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the public service of Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. (R-NY)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 412** - Expressing gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boozman, John (R-AR)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 358** – Recognizing the significance and contribution of the Brotherhood of the Badge to the Global War on Terror founded by Mike Harris and Brian Burry of the Fresno City Police Department and Ken Shockley of the Fresno City Fire Department, an organization to help supply Iraqi police forces with much-needed surplus body armor, including bulletproof vests, and other vital law enforcement equipment.

- Sponsor: Rep. Radanovich, George (R-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 294** - Commends the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights.

- Sponsor: Rep. Watson, Diane E. (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 233** - Recognizes over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House 389-0 (Roll No. 501)

**H.Con.Res. 151** - Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of numerous independent journalists in Russia since 2000, and urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving those murders.

- Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. (R-NJ)
- Status: Passed House 388 - 1 (Roll no. 500)

**H.Con.Res. 131** – Commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe (R-SC)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 158** - Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. (R-PA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 225** - Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should not support the U.N. Human Rights Council, and should withhold financial support for the Council until meaningful

human rights reforms are carried out. It also directs the Secretary of State to withhold funds from the United Nations that would be allocated to the Council.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 1400, Iran Counter Proliferation Act** – Provides additional import and export sanctions, Directs the President to report every six months to the appropriate congressional committees respecting investment activity that could contribute to Iran's development of petroleum resources, and U.S. steps in response to such activity. Directs the President to determine and report to the committees whether the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps should be: (1) designated as a foreign terrorist organization; (2) placed on the list of designated global terrorists; and (3) placed on the list of weapons of mass destruction proliferators and their supporters.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lantos, Tom (D-CA)
- Status: Passed House 397 - 16 (Roll no. 895)

**H.R. 1324** - Urges the Secretary of State to designate the Quds Force, a unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, as a foreign terrorist organization.

- Sponsor: Rep. Saxton, Jim (R-NJ)
- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs and House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 164** - Encourages the Federal Government and State and municipal governments, universities, companies, and other institutions in the United States, and all Americans to divest from companies that do business with Sudan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo, Tom (R-CO)
- Status: House Committee on Financial Services

**H.R. 1441, Stop Arming Iran Act** – Stops the auction of military parts (notably for the F-14) to Iran.

- Sponsor: Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle (D-AZ)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 957** - Amends the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to include financial institutions, insurers, underwriters, and guarantors, and petroleum by-products and liquefied natural gas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)
- Status: Passed House 415 - 11 (Roll no. 772)

**H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act** – Allows a self-determination process for the island and gives voters the option to vote for continued U.S. territorial status, statehood, or for a path toward independence.

- Sponsor: Rep. Serrano, Jose E. (D-NY)
- Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote

**H.Res. 228** - Recognizing the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: Passed House 413-0 (Roll No. 140)

**H.Con.Res. 21** - Calls on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Steve Rothman (D-NJ)

- Status: Passed House 411 - 2, 11 Present (Roll no. 513)

**H.Res. 125** - Expresses deep concern over the use of civilians as "human shields" in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah's tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: Passed House

**H.Con.Res. 235** - Regarding ending World Bank disbursements to Iran until the International Atomic Energy Agency certifies the compliance of the Islamic Republic of Iran with Resolutions 1696 and 1747 of the United Nations Security Council and the terms of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology

**H.Con.Res. 257** - Expressing concern regarding arms transfers to Iran and Syria by the Russian Federation and entities in the Russian Federation and urging the President of the United States to implement sanctions against such entities found to be in violation of United States law prohibiting arms transfers to Iran and Syria.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Con.Res. 278** - Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 674** - This measure expresses Congressional support for Israel's right to self defense in the face of a nuclear and military threat from Syria and condemns Syria's government for its continued support of terrorism and its use of chemical, biological and nuclear activities.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wexler, Robert (D-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 821** - Condemning Communist China's discrimination, harassment, imprisonment, torture, and execution of its prisoners of conscience.

- Sponsor: Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. (R-MI)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 857** - This resolution calls on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to drop the charges against the “Qatif Girl,” who was gang-raped by 7 men. Immediately before her attack, the young woman was in a car with a male whom she was not related to. For this reason, a Saudi Arabian court sentenced her to 6 months in prison and 90 lashes. The Resolution shows that the House of Representatives takes a strong stance against a system that punishes victims.

- Sponsor: Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol (D-NH)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 879** - Objecting to United Nations funding of the Durban Review Conference using the United Nations regular budget, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 889** - Condemning the December 11, 2007, terrorist bombings on the people of Algeria and United Nations personnel, and expressing sympathy to the victims of these terrorist attacks.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. (D-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 912** - Condemning the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to assist the people of Pakistan in combating terrorist activity and promoting a free and democratic Pakistan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. (D-NY)

- Status: Passed House 413 - 0 (Roll no. 3)

**H.Res. 939** - Condemning the glorification of terrorism and the continuing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric at the United Nations.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 951** - Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.Res. 965** - Condemning the actions and statements of Venezuelan president Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias.

- Sponsor: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. (R-CA)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

## **Recognizing American Accomplishments**

**H.Res. 1030** - Recognizing the achievements of former Texas Tech University, Indiana University, and West Point men's basketball coach Bob Knight.

- Sponsor: Rep Neugebauer, Randy (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

**H.R. 3974** - Names the post office in Round Rock, TX after Marine Corps Corporal Steven Gill, who was killed in Iraq in 2005. Gill is a Purple Heart recipient, among several other awards.

- Sponsor: Rep. Carter, John R. (R-TX)

- Status: Public Law 110-165

**H.R. 3721** - Names the U.S. Post Office in Lorena, Texas in honor of Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry, who was killed in Iraq.

- Sponsor: Rep. Edwards, Chet (D-TX)

- Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

**H.R. 3720** - Names the U.S. Post Office in Waco, Texas in honor of Army Pfc. Juan Alonso Covarrubias, who was killed in Vietnam.

- Sponsor: Rep. Edwards, Chet (D-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 691** - Commending the Wings Over Houston Airshow for its great contribution to the appreciation, understanding, and future of the United States Armed Forces, the City of Houston, Texas, and Ellington Field.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lampson, Nick (D-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 585** - Honoring the extraordinary life of legendary reporter, television personality, international humanitarian, and Houston icon Marvin Harold Zindler, who championed the cause of the economically powerless, politically underrepresented, and physically ill and disabled in Houston, across the nation, and around the world.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila (D-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Res. 553** - Honors the life of the late widow of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson, or "Lady Bird." Lady Bird strengthened the role of the First Lady in the White House, served her husband as a personal advisor, and was a great advocate for the environment. Mrs. Johnson spent the last years of her life on the Johnson ranch near Austin, Texas, and is survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

- Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)

- Status: Passed House 381-0 (Roll No. 688)

**H.R. 2750** - Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila (D-TX)

- Status: Passed House 402 - 0 (Roll no. 758)

**H.R. 2688** - Designates the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building".

- Sponsor: Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. (D-TX)

- Status: Public Law No: 110-73

**H.Res. 490** - Honoring the 2007 NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs.

- Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Lamar (R-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 501** - Commending Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros for reaching 3,000 base hits as a Major League Baseball player and for his outstanding service to baseball and the Houston, Texas, region.

- Sponsor: Rep. Brady, Kevin (R-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 584** - Designates the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the 'Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building'.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)

- Status: Public Law No: 110-15

**H.R. 1978** - Designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse".

- Sponsor: Rep. Hall, Ralph (R-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

**H.R. 1604** - Designates the headquarters building of the Embassy of the United States in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as the "Mickey Leland United States Embassy Building".

- Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Foreign Affairs

**H.R. 1425** - Designates the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building".

- Sponsor: Rep. Conaway, Michael (R-TX)

- Status: Public Law No: 110-61

**H.R. 1154** - To arrange for the presentation of a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D. who performed the first successful coronary bypass, pioneered the field of telemedicine, was elected the first President of Baylor College of Medicine, and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction and the National Medal of Science in recognition of his many outstanding contributions to the nation.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Al (D-TX)

- Status: Public Law 110-95

**H.R. 988** - Designates the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

- Sponsor: Rep. Calvert, Ken (R-CA)

- Status: Public Law 110-27

**H.R. 312, Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2007** - Requires executive agencies to furnish a U.S. flag to drape the casket of a civilian federal employee who dies in a combat zone, upon request of the deceased's next of kin or a close associate of the deceased.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pearce, Stevan (R-NM)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 53** - Recognizing the life of Lamar Hunt and his outstanding contributions to the Kansas City Chiefs, the National Football League, and the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel (D-MO)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 69** - Recognizing and honoring Benny Parsons and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hayes, Robin (R-NC)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 437** - Designated the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the "Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office".

- Sponsor: Rep. Cuellar, Henry (D-TX)
- Status: Public Law No: 110-30

**H.R. 577** - Designates the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building".

- Sponsor: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd (D-TX)
- Status: Public Law No: 110-11

**H.Con.Res. 275** - Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Barbara Charline Jordan.

- Sponsor: Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila (D-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Res. 843** - Mourning the passing of Congressman Henry J. Hyde and celebrating his leadership and service to the people of Illinois and the United States of America.

- Sponsor: Rep. Roskam, Peter J. (R-IL)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 867** - Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)
- Status: Passed House 373 - 0 (Roll no. 29)

**H.R. 3988** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building".

- Sponsor: Rep. Granger, Kay (R-TX)
- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 4774** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10250 John Saunders Road in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building".

- Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Lamar (R-TX)

- Status: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

## **Recognizing American History**

**H.Res. 1091** - Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Charlton Heston and extending its deepest sympathies to the family of Charlton Heston for the loss of such a great generous man, husband, and father.

- Sponsor: Rep Young, Don (R-AK)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Res. 984** - Designates July 26, 2008 as "National Day of the Cowboy".

- Sponsor: Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle (D-AZ)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 2894 - Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act** - Creates a commemorative US Mint coin to recognize 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the writing of Star Spangled Banner.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch (D-MD)

- Status: House Committee on Financial Services

**H.Res. 641** - Marks the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution and emphasizes the importance of teaching history in American schools.

- Sponsor: Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. (R-NC)

- Status: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

**H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007** - Reauthorizes the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program for an additional 5 years which provides matching grants up to \$10 million a year from FY09 to FY13.

- Sponsor: Rep. Miller, Gary (R-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

**H.Res. 171** - Honoring the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth. Lafayette's support was crucial to Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

- Sponsor: Rep. Skelton, Ike (D-MO)

- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 198** - Recognizes the significance of Black History Month.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Al (D-TX)

- Status: Passed House

**H.R. 319, Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act** - Establishes this heritage area comprising the 175 mile-region following the Route 15 corridor and certain

surrounding areas through Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia, home to Revolutionary and Civil War sites, and homes to presidents such as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Requires a management plan for the area that presents strategies and recommendations for conservation, funding, management, and development of the Area.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wolf, Frank (R-VA)
- Status: Passed House as part of H.R. 1483

**H.Con.Res. 261** - Commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy's "Great White Fleet," launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909.

- Sponsor: Rep. Drake, Thelma D. (R-VA)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 556** - This resolution recognizes the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in Fulton, Missouri, as "America's National Churchill Museum", and commends its efforts to recognize the importance of the historic legacy of Sir Winston Churchill and to educate the people about his legacy of character, leadership, and citizenship.

- Sponsor: Rep. Hulshof, Kenny C. (R-MO)
- Status: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities

**H.Res. 785** - Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Robstown, Texas, the biggest little town in Texas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. (D-TX)
- Status: Passed House

**H.Res. 934** - Congratulating the city of Baytown, Texas, on its 60th anniversary.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 4125, The Civil War Artifact Authenticity Act** - This bill would add a second title to existing Federal law, the "Hobby Protection Act," and would make it illegal to engage in the manufacture of and sale of fraudulent artifacts from the Civil War era that fail to bear a stamp that they are fake items. This bill will empower the Federal Trade Commission to review complaints and impose civil penalties of up to \$11,000 per day on unscrupulous individuals who seek to profit from trading in fake memorabilia they attempt to pass off as authentic.

- Sponsor: Rep. Moran, James P. (D-VA)
- Status: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**H.Res. 986** - Recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and calling for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boehner, John A. (R-OH)
- Status: House Committee on Armed Services

## General Government

**H.Res. 1113** - Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother's Day.

- Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff (R-NE)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.Res. 231** - Requires all committees post record votes on their web sites within 48 hours of such votes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sessions, Pete (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Rules