

# HOUSE DEMOCRATS' STRONG RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

*"We picked some bad fights... At least Democrats are trying to do something."  
- Rep. Tom Davis, R-VA [The Hill, 5/14/08]*

After a very productive First Session, House Democrats are continuing to build on our record of achievement by passing significant legislation that addresses critical national priorities, including the war in Iraq and our national security, the economy, the housing crisis, and exploding gasoline costs.

So far this year, the House has passed:

- ✓ **A Bipartisan Economic Stimulus Bill:** Provides recovery rebate checks to 130 million families to help strengthen our economy, and encourages small business investment
- ✓ **Suspension of deliveries to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** Directs the President to suspend deliveries of oil to the SPR, which, by increasing supply, could lower gas prices
- ✓ **American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act:** Addresses the mortgage crisis by helping families facing foreclosure, stabilizing the housing market, and protecting neighborhood home values
- ✓ **GI Bill:** Restores full, four-year college education benefits to veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- ✓ **Change of policy in Iraq:** As part of the Iraq supplemental spending bill, Democrats passed a set of conditions designed to change direction in Iraq
- ✓ **Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act:** Ensures that students and their parents have access to the loans they need to pay for college
- ✓ **Farm Bill:** Makes unprecedented investments in nutrition that will help millions of American families facing rising food prices
- ✓ **Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act:** Protects individuals from being discriminated against by employers and insurance companies based on genetic information
- ✓ **Mental Health Parity Bill:** Eliminates discriminatory provisions that make it more difficult for Americans with mental health and addiction disorders to access care
- ✓ **Coast Guard Authorization bill:** Strengthens the Coast Guard in its role of keeping our nation safe
- ✓ **Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation:** Provides debt cancellation to the poorest nations in the world
- ✓ **Transportation Technical Corrections Bill:** Makes critical investments in our nation's infrastructure and will create 40,000 new jobs.
- ✓ **Omnibus Public Lands Bill:** Provides protections to national parks and other wilderness and historic sites
- ✓ **Office of Congressional Ethics:** Creates an outside panel to investigate alleged ethics violations by Members of Congress

Before the Memorial Day work period, the House will also pass:

- ➔ **Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act:** Will extend tax relief for millions of families, provide tax incentives for small businesses, and extend tax credits to encourage investment in renewable energy
- ➔ **Defense Authorization Act:** Will strengthen our military readiness, refocus on the war in Afghanistan, and provide for our troops and their families
- ➔ **Budget Conference Report:** Invests in our nation's priorities in a fiscally responsible manner, and is the first budget to be passed in an election year since 2000
- ➔ **Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act:** Continues Democratic efforts to lower gas prices by holding OPEC accountable for price fixing, and creating a Department of Justice Petroleum Industry Antitrust Task Force
- ➔ **Veterans Package:** In honor of Memorial Day, a package of bills focused on improving care and services for our nation's veterans