



*"...a Democratic Caucus that is enjoying its greatest political and legislative success since at least the beginning of the Clinton administration and arguably since its legislative heyday in the mid-1960s."*

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The 111th Congress is working with President Obama to take America in a New Direction, with key bills passed on economic recovery, affordable health care, and clean energy. More must and will be done -- to put Americans back to work, grow our economy, and set our nation on the path to prosperity.

#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

##### **ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND CREATING JOBS**

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**, enacted in the first month of President Obama's term, to jumpstart our economy, create and save 3.5 million jobs, give 95% of American workers a tax cut, and begin to rebuild America's road, rail, and water infrastructure, with unprecedented accountability. *(Signed into Law)*

**CASH FOR CLUNKERS**, jump-starting the U.S. auto industry, providing consumers with up to \$4,500 to trade in an old vehicle for one with higher fuel efficiency – spurring the sale of 700,000 vehicles. *(Signed into Law)*

**WORKER, HOMEOWNERSHIP & BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT**, boosting the economy and creating jobs with unemployment benefits for Americans hit by the recession, an expanded 1<sup>st</sup>-time homebuyer tax credit, and tax relief for struggling small businesses—expanded to all struggling U.S. businesses. *(Signed into Law)*

**JOBS ON MAIN STREET ACT**, to create and save jobs with targeted investments to boost small business, to rebuild highways and transit, and to hire and retain teachers, police, and firefighters; paid for by redirecting TARP funds from Wall Street to Main Street; with emergency aid for the unemployed. *(Passed by House)*

**STUDENT AID & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT**, to make largest investment in college aid in history – increasing Pell Grants and keeping student loan interest rates low– while reducing the federal deficit. *(Passed by House)*

**HELPING FAMILIES SAVE THEIR HOMES ACT**, building on the President's initiative to stem the foreclosure crisis, with significant incentives to lenders, servicers, and homeowners to modify loans. *(Signed into Law)*

##### **AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTH CARE**

**HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM**, landmark legislation to lower costs to consumers, preserve and provide choice of doctors and health plans including a public option, ensure peace of mind that coverage can't be delayed or denied, and expand access to affordable health coverage for millions of Americans. *(Passed by House)*

**HEALTH CARE FOR 11 MILLION CHILDREN**, providing cost-effective health coverage for 4 million more children and preserve coverage for 7 million children already enrolled. *(Signed into Law)*

**FOOD SAFETY**, to fundamentally change the way we protect our food supply; close gaps exposed by recent food-borne illness outbreaks; give the FDA new authorities. *(Passed by House)*

**FDA REGULATION OF TOBACCO**, granting the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate advertising, marketing, and manufacturing of tobacco products, the #1 cause of preventable U.S. death. *(Signed into Law)*

## CLEAN ENERGY JOBS AND CONSERVATION

**AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY & SECURITY ACT**, historic legislation to create millions of jobs; reduce dependence on foreign oil; reduce climate change pollution; keep costs low for Americans. *(Passed by House)*

**OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**, the most significant conservation bill in 15 years, strengthening tourism and rural economies with more than 2 million new acres of wilderness and parks. *(Signed into Law)*

## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

**BUDGET BLUEPRINT**, creating jobs with investments in health care, clean energy and education; cutting taxes for most Americans by \$1.5 trillion; cutting Bush deficit by more than half by 2013. *(Action Completed)*

**STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO**, restoring 1990s law that turned record deficits into surpluses, by forcing tough choices; Congress must offset new policies that reduce revenues or expand entitlements. *(Passed by House)*

## PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND TAXPAYERS

**WALL STREET REFORM & CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**, historic reforms to end taxpayer-funded bailouts and ‘too big to fail’ financial institutions, and protect consumers from predatory lending. *(Passed by House)*

**CREDIT CARDHOLDERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS**, providing tough new protections for consumers—including banning unfair rate increases, abusive fees, and penalties—and strengthening enforcement. *(Signed into Law)*

**FRAUD ENFORCEMENT & RECOVERY ACT**, providing tools to prosecute mortgage scams and corporate fraud that contributed to financial crisis; creating an outside commission to examine its causes. *(Signed into Law)*

**DEFENSE PROCUREMENT REFORM**, cracking down on Pentagon waste and cost overruns. *(Signed into Law)*

**LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT**, restoring the rights of women and other workers to challenge unfair pay—to help close the wage gap where women earn 78 cents for every \$1 a man earns in America. *(Signed into Law)*

**STRONGER TARP OVERSIGHT**, expanding authority of TARP Special IG. *(Signed into Law)*

## NATIONAL SECURITY/TROOPS AND VETERANS

**FY 2009 SUPPLEMENTAL**, meeting our troops’ needs to wind down the Iraq war, change strategy in Afghanistan; make retroactive stop loss payments to 185,000+ service members. *(Signed into Law)*

**VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET REFORM & TRANSPARENCY ACT**, authorizing Congress to approve VA medical care appropriations one year in advance to ensure reliable and timely funding. *(Signed into Law)*

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION** to provide 3.4% pay raise for troops, strengthen military readiness, expand support for military families, and focus strategy on Afghanistan and Pakistan and Iraq redeployment. *(Signed into Law)*

For a more detailed list of accomplishments, please visit [www.speaker.gov/accomplishments](http://www.speaker.gov/accomplishments).

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