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## FRC PRAISES HOUSE PASSAGE OF INTERNET GAMBLING LEGISLATION

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*~FRC’s Vice President for Government Affairs Tom McClusky*

**Washington, D.C.** - Today the House passed the “Internet Gambling Prohibition Act” with overwhelming bi-partisan support. **Family Research Council** applauds Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Congressman Jim Leach (R-IA) for their leadership on this important issue.

**Family Research Council Vice President for Government Affairs, Tom McClusky released the following statement:**

“I congratulate the House for passing this legislation in a strong bi-partisan fashion. This will help stop a lucrative international gambling industry that has benefited greatly at the expense of America’s families. We commend Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Congressman Jim Leach (R-IA) for their leadership and continued diligence in promoting this important piece of legislation. America’s families owe them a debt of gratitude.

“This legislation provides real protection to American families from destructive and unlawful Internet gambling. With the new authority granted and the additional clarity brought to federal law, financial institutions and law enforcement authorities will be able to hold accountable the gambling interests that circumvent state and federal law.

“For more than ten years, Congress has attempted to provide the enforcement tools necessary to detect and deter this \$12 billion off-shore gaming industry. Unfortunately, those efforts were obstructed by the nefarious dealings of Jack Abramoff and his associates. The time is now for a bill to be delivered to the President for his signature. Today’s action by the House moves the country one step closer to providing America’s families greater protection from illegal Internet gambling.”



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