



# Washington Weekly



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*This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States Congress that affect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.*

## Legislative Action From the Week Of 2/10/06

- President Bush Presents 2007 Budget
- H.Res. 670 Congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers Passes
- H. Res. 657 Honoring Catholic Schools Passes

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## Hill Highlights

### President Bush Presents 2007 Budget

#### *Bush Budget Fails to Address the Needs of America's Families*

During the last four years, the Bush administration has continued to push America deeper into debt. The 2006 budget deficit of \$423 billion represents the largest deficit in history. President Bush recently submitted the fiscal year 2007 budget, which attempts to reduce the deficit through the elimination of or reduction in funding for several programs essential for our nation's economic growth, community development, and educational and technological advancement.

The President's budget reduces funding for education. It cuts spending for the Education Department by almost 4%. The Bush budget shortchanges the No Child Left Behind Law by \$15.4 billion. It also eliminates state grants for educational technology, vocational education, and incarcerated youth offenders.



Over 46 million Americans do not have health insurance, yet the Bush budget cuts \$35 billion from Medicare and \$13.5 billion from Medicaid over five years. It also raises health care costs for one million veterans by imposing new fees. The Bush budget also increases TRICARE health care premiums for 3.1 million of the nation's military retirees under 65.

The Bush budget reinforces the Administration's allegiance to special interests. It squanders \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years on permanent tax breaks for the wealthy, with nearly half the total tax cut going to Americans earning more than \$200,000. The budget contains only a one-year provision for Alternative Minimum Tax relief for middle-class families.

America's families deserve better. Instead of funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and cutting taxes for the wealthiest 1% of American citizens, the President must focus on the needs of American families. The President must invest in domestic programs so that all of America's families can have access to quality education, well-paying jobs, and affordable health care. America must demand more from the President.

## Official Statements from Congresswoman Kilpatrick

Bush's new budget is unfair to American families

## Helpful Resources

Directory of Homeownership Assistance in the Detroit Area **Printable booklet of homeownership resources.**

Medicare's New Prescription Drug Plans **Printable handout with important facts to help you understand the program.**

Energy Saving **Brief compilation of tips and tricks to help your energy efficiency in both your home and on the road.**

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Our future depends on it.

*To read more about the President's FY 2007 budget for the U.S. Government, please visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2007/>.*

## H.Res. 670 Congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers Passes

This legislation congratulates the Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL, which the city of Detroit was proud to host. It salutes the Steelers for completing one of the greatest post-season runs in professional sports history and becoming one of only two teams to win five Super Bowl Championships. This resolution also acknowledges Detroit native Jerome Bettis' success as one of the NFL's all-time leading rushers. Bettis won his first Super Bowl in his hometown. **I voted for this measure**, which passed unanimously.



## H. Res. 657 Honoring Catholic Schools Passes

This resolution recognizes the vital contributions of the thousands of Catholic schools in America. It also honors Catholic schools for their commitment to promote excellence and provide values in education. This legislation also praises Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers for their ongoing contributions to education and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for America. **I voted in favor of this measure**, which passed unanimously.

*To read more about these measures, or any other legislation, please visit the Library of Congress' legislative information site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.*

## News You Can Use

### Protect Your Family from Fire

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January, and February. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) shares the following tips for keeping your home and your family safe from fire during the winter:

- ✓ Keep or maintain a distance of at least three feet between space heaters and anything that can burn.
- ✓ Prevent children and pets from playing near space heaters.
- ✓ Turn off portable space heaters every time you leave the room and when you go to bed.
- ✓ Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
- ✓ Install smoke detectors throughout your home; there should be at least one on each floor. Test smoke alarms monthly.
- ✓ Create and practice your escape route.

For more information, tips, and resources, visit the NFPA Web site at

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## *This Month Is*



### American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for American women. To learn about ways to stay “heart smart” and to find out more about the association’s “Go Red” campaign, visit [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) or call 1-888-MY-HEART.

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