



# Washington Weekly

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U. S. Congresswoman  
CAROLYN CHEEKS KILPATRICK

13<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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## Hill Highlights

Legislative Action from 01/22/07 through 02/02/07

### H. Res. 90 - Honoring NFL Coaches Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith

Congresswoman Kilpatrick sponsored this bill, which congratulates Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears and Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts on becoming the first African American head coaches of National Football League (NFL) teams to qualify for the Super Bowl. It also acknowledges the NFL's efforts to promote diversity. This measure passed the House unanimously. To read the Congresswoman's statement on H. Res. 90, click [here](#).

### H. J. Res. 20 - Continuing Resolution for FY07

This legislation would provide \$463.5 billion in continuing appropriations through September 30, 2007 for all federal agencies and departments with the exception of the Department of Defense and Homeland Security. This measure does not contain any "earmarks" and blocks a scheduled 2007 cost-of-living pay increase for Members of Congress. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this legislation, which passed the House by a vote of 286 to 140.

### H. Res. 78 - Permit Delegate Voting in Committee of the Whole

The measure changes House rules in order to permit the four delegates representing the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, plus the "resident commissioner" from Puerto Rico, to vote in the Committee of the Whole House. It provides that any amendment voted on in the Committee of the Whole for which the delegate votes provided the margin of victory or defeat would automatically be voted on again in the full House, where the delegates cannot vote. The rules change would leave undisturbed the current House rule under which any member can demand a re-vote in the full House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole. The Congresswoman voted in support of this measure, which passed by a vote of 226 to 191. Click [here](#) to read Congresswoman Kilpatrick's statement on H. Res. 78.

### H.R. 476 - Congressional Pension Accountability

This bill prevents members of Congress from receiving their congressional pensions if they have been convicted of certain felonies relating to their official duties. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this measure, which passed the House 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/>.*

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