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U. S. Congresswoman  
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*This e-newsletter summarizes events taking place in the U. S. Congress that affect the State of Michigan, with particular emphasis on Michigan's 13th Congressional District. A printable version of this e-newsletter will also be available on my website: [www.house.gov/kilpatrick](http://www.house.gov/kilpatrick).*

## Hill Highlights

Legislative Action for the Week Ending 04/20/07

### H.R. 1677, Providing Taxpayer Identity Protection

This legislation would require the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to notify a taxpayer if it suspected unauthorized use of the taxpayer's identity and permit the IRS to withhold information from lenders it deemed predatory. It would also require the IRS to expand its outreach to people who might be eligible for the earned income tax credit, even if they did not file a tax return. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this legislation, which passed the House by a vote of 406 to seven.

### H. Con. Res. 100, Condemning Violence in Zimbabwe

This measure expresses the sense of the Congress that condemns state-sponsored violence in Zimbabwe. Congresswoman Kilpatrick voted for this bill, which passed unanimously.

### H. Res. 306, Offering Condolences to the Virginia Tech Victims

This bill offers the heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families of the April 16, 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA and to the students, staff, and families deeply affected by the tragedy. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this legislation, which received unanimous support in the House.

### H.R. 1361, Creating the Small Business Disaster Loan Act

This legislation would overhaul the Small Business Administration's (SBA) disaster loan program and create a disaster planning position within the SBA. The SBA would also be required to develop and implement a disaster response plan and maintain a 1,000 person "disaster reserve corps." Individual disaster loan limits would be doubled to \$3 million. The SBA would be required to create a centralized application tracking system and revise repayment and disbursement timetables. Congresswoman Kilpatrick voted for this bill, which passed by a vote of 267 to 158.

### H. Res. 300, Commending the Rutgers' Women's Basketball Team

This measure commends the achievements of the Rutgers University women's basketball team and applauds the character and integrity of its student athletes. Congresswoman Kilpatrick co-sponsored this bill, which passed the House unanimously.

### H.R. 1905, Ensuring Voting Rights for the District of Columbia

This bill would permanently increase the membership of the House of Representatives to 437, granting a seat to the District of Columbia and an additional seat to Utah. Both seats would be filled by special elections. The bill also adds one seat for Utah to the electoral college so there would be 539 votes. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this measure, which passed by a vote of 241 to 177. To read Congresswoman Kilpatrick's statement about H.R. 1905, click [here](#).

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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## Congresswoman Kilpatrick Featured in New Edition of *Women in Congress*

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You can learn more about the Congresswoman and the other women lawmakers who have helped shape national policy through their service in Congress during the last 90 years by visiting the book's corresponding website:  
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