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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 for the Week Ending 05/11/07

**H.R. 890, Preferred Lender Program Regulations:** This bill would set restrictions on the relationship between educational institutions and lending companies that offer private loans to students. It would require schools to adopt codes of conduct governing their relationships with private lenders, bar revenue sharing between lenders and schools, and prohibit financial aid officers from service on lender advisory boards. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this legislation, which passed the House by a vote of 414 to 3.

**H.R. 1684, Homeland Security Authorization:** This legislation would authorize \$39.9 billion for the Department of Homeland Security. The bill will provide grants to states to prevent terrorist or other individuals from fraudulently obtaining and using state-issued identification cards and to develop more secure documents for issuance by states. The Congresswoman voted for this measure; it passed by a vote of 296 to 126.

**H.R. 1873, Small Business Contracting Act:** This measure would increase the federal government's small business procurement goal to from 23% to 30%. It would also increase the goal for minority- and women-owned businesses from five percent to eight percent. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this bill, which passed the House by a vote of 409 to 13.

**H.R. 2237, Iraq Troop Withdrawal:** This bill would require the withdrawal of U.S. troops and Department of Defense contractors from Iraq within 90 days of the bill's being signed into law. The total withdrawal would have to be completed within 180 days. The Congresswoman voted for this measure, which was rejected by a vote of 171 to 255.

**H.R. 2206, Iraq Emergency Supplemental:** This legislation would provide \$42.8 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and require another Congressional vote in late July to release the remaining \$52.8 billion. The President would have to report on the progress the Iraqi government is making toward meeting certain benchmarks by July 13, 2007, and Congress would have a separate vote at that time to release the rest of the funds if the benchmarks were met. The measure also includes \$6.8 billion for Katrina relief; \$400 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, \$3.3 billion for military health care costs and would increase the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour over two years. Finally, the bill will provide \$4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this measure, which passed the House by a vote of 221 to 205.

**H.R. 2207, Agriculture Emergency Supplemental:** This measure would provide \$4.5 billion in emergency spending for agricultural emergency assistance. The Congresswoman voted for this bill; it passed by a vote of 302 to 120.

**H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization:** This bill would authorize classified amounts for U.S. intelligence activities. It would also require that a national intelligence estimate on global climate change be submitted to Congress. Congresswoman Kilpatrick voted in support of this measure, which passed 225 to 197.

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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