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U. S. Congresswoman
CAROLYN CHEEKS KILPATRICK

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.

Hill Highlights

Legislative Action for 07/23/07 through 07/27/07

H.R. 2419, The Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 – This legislation improves nutrition programs that help families in need and makes a historic investment in renewable energy. The Farm Bill expands nutrition programs that help 35 million low-income families. It offers significant improvements to the Food Stamp Program, almost doubles funding for the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and expands the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program to all 50 states. The measure improves access to programs for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, provides additional resources for 1890 land-grant institutions, and includes language to address outstanding claims from African American farmers through the case *Pigford v. Veneman*. The Farm Bill includes critical provisions that support Democratic efforts to make our nation energy independent and to fight global warming. The bill boosts renewable energy programs by 600%, providing \$2 billion in loan guarantees for the development of refineries that process renewable fuels and \$1.5 billion for production incentives for ethanol and biodiesel made from agricultural, forest, and waste plant materials. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this measure, which passed the House by a vote of 231 to 191.

H.R. 3074, FY 2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations – This bill would appropriate \$104.4 billion for the next fiscal year, including \$50.7 billion in discretionary spending for the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and other related agencies. It includes \$40.2 billion for the federal aid highway program, \$14.6 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, and \$1.4 billion in grants to Amtrak. This measure would provide \$38.7 billion for HUD, including \$16.3 billion for the Section 8 Tenant-based Rental Assistance program. The Congresswoman voted in favor of the bill, which passed by a vote of 268 to 152.

H.R. 3093, FY 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations – This legislation would provide \$53.6 billion for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and other related agencies such as NASA and the National Science Foundation. It would provide \$23.9 billion for the Justice Department and \$7.1 billion for the Commerce Department, while funding NASA at \$17.6 billion, the National Science Foundation at \$6.5 billion, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at \$4 billion. Congresswoman Kilpatrick voted against a section in the bill that would limit the sharing of federal information on gun makers, sellers, and buyers with local police and city officials and bar the use of this information in lawsuits against gun makers and sellers. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported final passage of this legislation, which was approved by a vote of 281 to 142.

H.R. 2929, Ban on Permanent Military Bases in Iraq – This bill would prohibit the use of any funds made available by Congress to establish any military installation or base for the permanent stationing of U.S. armed services in Iraq or to exercise U.S. economic control of the oil resources of Iraq. The Congresswoman voted in favor of this measure, which passed the House by a vote of 399 to 24.

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 Honors Detroit-Grosse Pointe Collaborative for Beautification Efforts

Congresswoman Kilpatrick and the Friends of the Detroit-Grosse Pointe Collaborative (DGPC) recently celebrated the completion of a beautification project on Detroit's eastside. Coordinated by the DGPC, the community celebration honored volunteers who removed a mound of trash on Alter Road that had plagued the community for 15 years. Volunteers replaced the debris with wood chips and ferns, leaving the lots open for future development. Congresswoman Kilpatrick presented a proclamation acknowledging the volunteers' commitment to the community to area children.

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