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

This Week In Congress:

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTIONS

The 108th Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law the ban on "partial birth" abortions.. This means that a woman in her second or third trimester of pregnancy will not be allowed the procedure known as the intact dilation and extraction. Which is the type of abortion where the fetus is partially delivered. This measure prohibits this procedure even if the woman's health is at risk. So far two judges have blocked enforcement of the ban.

FUNDING FOR IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

This week President George W. Bush signed the \$87 billion supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan passed by Congress last week. The money will be used for the rebuilding of the countries' infrastructure and to provide the members of the military currently fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan with needed equipment. I did not vote in favor of this legislation. There has been no accountability for the \$79 billion that this Congress gave the President in May despite numerous requests from both Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and House Appropriation Committee Democratic ranking member, David Obey. We have areas in Michigan's 13th Congressional District that need funds for infrastructure rebuilding.

NEW UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

The unemployment figures have been released for the month of October. According to information from the National Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment decreased last month. The national unemployment rate for October now stands at 6.0 percent. Michigan's unemployment rate remains above the national average at 7.4 percent. The loss of manufacturing jobs contributes significantly to Michigan's unemployment rate.

NEXT WEEK

Congress will resume legislative business on the Energy Conference Report.

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