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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 of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

This Week In Congress:

BUSH BUDGET NEGATIVELY AFFECTS WOMEN

This week I joined Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and several other female members of Congress for a news conference on the negative affects President Bush's budget has on women. This budget cuts funding for women's business centers, violence against women programs, eliminates women's educational equity act programs, undermines after-school programs, guts Head Start, underfunds Child Health and fails to make health-care affordable for middle class families. There are more than 20 million women without health insurance and millions more who can barely afford to pay their premiums, and the budget does nothing to hold down healthcare costs.



HOUSE RESOLUTION 557 (Anniversary of the US strike on Iraq)

This week the United States House of Representatives was asked to vote on House Resolution 557 which states the House of Representatives: 1) affirms that the United States and the world is safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein; 2) commends the Iraqi people for their courage in the face of oppression and brutality inflicted upon them by Hussein; 3) commends the Iraqi people on the adoption of Iraq's interim constitution; and 4) commends the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces for liberating Iraq and expresses its gratitude for their valiant services. With today marking the first anniversary of the United States military strike on Iraq, I do not believe America and world is safer now that Saddam Hussein is no longer in power. Terrorist attacks continue in Iraq and other nations such as, Istanbul, Turkey, Indonesia and Spain. And while I support our troops who have done a remarkable job in liberating the Iraqis, I still question the reasoning for them being sent to that Middle-Eastern country in the first place. More than 550 of our military personnel have paid the ultimate price for this war and more than 11,000 others have suffered severe casualties. Meanwhile, no *weapons of mass destruction* have been found, there is no proof of any ties between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden and the attacks of September 11th. Even worse, we have lost the respect of our allies. I voted against this Resolution but it still passed the House with a vote of 327-93.

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