

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Statement on Ban On Low-Yield Nuclear Weapons**

*WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) today issued the following statement after the House Armed Services Committee voted last night to uphold the ban on low-yield nuclear weapons. Spratt is a senior member on the Committee and author of the ban.*

“The House Armed Services Committee decided to keep a ban on developing tactical nuclear weapons that I first authored 10 years ago. The fact that the Senate Armed Services Committee voted last week to repeal the ban makes this House vote all the more important.

“I want to thank Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA), who helped broker the bipartisan agreement to continue the ban. We loosened the original prohibition a bit to permit more extensive research, but reaffirmed that it is not the policy of the United States to develop low-yield nuclear weapons.

“The action in the House sends an important message: that the United States is not backsliding towards development of new battlefield nuclear weapons. I hope that the Senate will join us in conference to reaffirm this position.”

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