



Major Accomplishments of the 111th Congress

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“The 111th Congress is going to go down as one of the most productive in terms of its legislative accomplishments, their sweep and scope and breadth, certainly in our lifetimes and probably within the 20th century.”

– Norman Ornstein, *American Enterprise Institute*, December 2010

ECONOMIC RECOVERY & CREATING JOBS

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT, enacted in the first month of President Obama’s term, to jumpstart our economy, create and save 3.5 million jobs, give 98% of American workers a tax cut, and begin to rebuild America’s road, rail, and water infrastructure, with unprecedented accountability. (Signed into Law)

DEMOCRATIC PRIORITIES IN TAX RELIEF & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, a controversial Obama-GOP agreement that includes Democratic priorities to create jobs and promote recovery, including cutting taxes for the middle class and small businesses for the next 2 years; providing a \$120 billion payroll tax reduction for workers; and extending unemployment insurance for 13 months. (Signed into Law)

SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUTS, landmark legislation providing 17 small business tax cuts, including the Small Business Jobs Act, which created up to 500,000 jobs, by leveraging up to \$300 billion in private sector lending for small businesses through a lending fund for community banks; fully paid for. Additionally, Pelosi secured the House passage of the HIRE ACT, creating 300,000 jobs with tax incentives for businesses hiring unemployed Americans and to spur small business investment, and unleashing investments to rebuild infrastructure. (Signed into Law)

TEACHER JOBS/STATE AID/CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES, creating and saving about 319,000 jobs – saving 161,000 teacher jobs and providing state aid that will create and save another 158,000 jobs; fully paid for by closing loopholes that encourage companies to ship American jobs overseas. (Signed into Law)

STUDENT AID & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT, making the largest investment in college aid in history – increasing Pell Grants, making college loans more affordable, and strengthening community colleges – while reducing the federal deficit by ending wasteful student loan subsidies to banks. (Signed into Law)

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CASH FOR CLUNKERS, jump-starting the U.S. auto industry, with consumer incentives for trading in an old vehicle for one with higher fuel efficiency—spurring the sale of 700,000 vehicles. (Signed into Law)

AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTH CARE

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM, landmark legislation prohibiting insurance companies from discriminating against Americans with pre-existing conditions and dropping coverage when you get sick and need it most; making coverage affordable for families and small businesses; strengthening Medicare; creating up to 4 million jobs; reducing the deficit; and extending coverage to 32 million more Americans. (Signed into Law)

CHILD NUTRITION, to fight both childhood obesity and childhood hunger; improving the nutritional quality of school lunches and expanding access for needy children to nutrition programs. (Signed into Law)

HEALTH CARE FOR 11 MILLION CHILDREN, providing cost-effective health coverage for 4 million more children and preserving coverage for 7 million children already enrolled. (Signed into Law)

FDA REGULATION OF TOBACCO, manufacturing and marketing, especially to children. (Signed into Law)

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS/HOLDING BP ACCOUNTABLE

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY & SECURITY ACT, historic legislation to create millions of American jobs; reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil; cut carbon pollution; keep costs low for Americans. (Passed by House)

RESPONSE TO BP OIL SPILL, eliminates \$75 million cap on liability of oil companies; restores Gulf Coast and protects local residents; toughens oversight and safety requirements on offshore drilling. (Passed by House)

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & GOVERNMENT REFORM

BUDGET BLUEPRINT, creating jobs with investments in health care, clean energy and education; cutting taxes for most Americans by \$1.5 trillion; cutting Bush deficit by more than half by 2013. (Action Completed)

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO, restoring 1990s law that turned record deficits into surpluses. (Signed into Law)

WEAPONS ACQUISITION REFORM, cracking down on Pentagon waste and cost overruns. (Signed into Law)

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DISCLOSE ACT, to fight a corporate takeover of our elections, requires them to disclose they are behind political ads; bans foreign-controlled corporations from putting money in U.S. elections. (Passed by House)

PROTECTING CONSUMERS

WALL STREET REFORM, historic reforms to end taxpayer-funded bailouts and the idea of 'too big to fail', and empower consumers to make best decisions on homes, credit cards, and financial future. (Signed into Law)

FOOD SAFETY, an overhaul of food safety system in wake of tainted food scandals, putting a new focus on prevention of food contamination and accelerating the response to outbreaks. (Signed into Law)

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS, banning unfair rate hikes, abusive fees/ penalties. (Signed into Law)

LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY, restoring rights of women and others to challenge unfair pay. (Signed into Law)

NATIONAL SECURITY/TROOPS & VETERANS

VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET REFORM & TRANSPARENCY ACT, ensuring reliable and timely veterans health care funding by authorizing Congress to approve VA medical care a year in advance. (Signed into Law)

FY 2010 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION, authorizing 3.4% troop pay raise, strengthening military readiness and military families' support, focusing our strategy in Afghanistan and redeployment from Iraq. (Signed into Law)

REPEAL OF DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL, to provide for the repeal of this outdated policy, contingent on the certification that military review completed and repeal will not impact readiness. (Signed into Law)

CAREGIVERS & VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES, landmark legislation providing help to caregivers of disabled, ill or injured veterans, and improving VA health care services for women veterans. (Signed into Law)