



**House Republican Conference**  
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## REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### ***108<sup>th</sup> Congress***

#### MEETING AMERICA'S NEEDS

- ✓ **H.R. 2, JOBS AND GROWTH TAX ACT OF 2003.** Encourages consumer spending to boost the economic recovery while promoting investment by individuals and businesses that will lead to economic growth and job creation. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **H.R. 4, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK AND FAMILY PROMOTION ACT OF 2003.** Provided more opportunities to help individuals get back to work and off of welfare. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 6, THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003.** Passed a comprehensive energy plan based on innovation, conservation and exploration that will ensure America's national security and economic security. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 8, DEATH TAX REPEAL PERMANENCY ACT OF 2003.** Makes the repeal of the death tax permanent. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 11, FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT.** Extends the national flood insurance program. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **H.R. 395, DO-NOT-CALL IMPLEMENTATION ACT.** Protected consumers by strengthening regulations of the "do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **H.R. 522, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2003.** Contains many reforms, and merges the FDIC's two funds -- the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund -- into a single, stronger fund that better protects depositors. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 534, HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2003.** Banned human cloning by prohibiting the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer techniques to create human embryos. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 657, EMERGENCY SECURITIES RESPONSE ACT OF 2003.** Grants the SEC emergency powers to reduce, eliminate, or prevent the substantial disruption of securities markets and transactions. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 743, SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2003** Strengthens oversight of representative payees (people who handle benefit checks for others, such as children or mentally impaired adults), bars Social Security benefits to fugitives, revamps the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) procedures for paying attorneys who represent successful claimants, and tightens the rules for some state and local retirees who switch jobs briefly in order to boost their Social Security benefits. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 760, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN OF 2003.** Bans an abhorrent procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion, however, exempts those procedures necessary to save the life of the mother. (House passed.)

- ✓ **H.R. 766, NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2003.** Implements a National Nanotechnology Research and Development Program to ensure continued U.S. leadership in R&D and effective coordination across Federal agencies. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 975, BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2003.** Reformed the bankruptcy system by deterring abuse, setting enhanced standards for bankruptcy professionals, and streamlining case administration. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1000, PENSION SECURITY ACT OF 2003.** Strengthens workers' ability to manage their retirement funds by giving them more freedom to diversify their investments and by providing better information to workers through improved 401k and pension plan statements. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1115, CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003.** Removes significant burdens on class action litigants and provide greater protections for the victims whom the class action device originally was designed to benefit. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1308, THE ALL AMERICAN TAX RELIEF ACT.** Accelerates the refundability of the child tax credit to the 15 percent rate to make it effective in 2003. (In conference.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1528, TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND IRS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2003.** Assists taxpayers by reforming the penalty and interest sections of the Internal Revenue Code, provides new safeguards against unfair IRS collection procedures, improves the efficiency of tax administration, and increases confidentiality of taxpayer information. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1904, HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT OF 2003.** Equips Federal land managers with the additional tools they need to restore forest health, safeguard habitat and watersheds, and protect lives and communities. (House Passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1950 - FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2004 AND 2005.** Authorizes, among other things, the State Department and the President's Millennium Challenge account, and expands the Peace Corps. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2143, UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING FUNDING PROHIBITION ACT.** Prohibits gambling businesses from accepting credit cards, checks, or other bank instruments from gamblers who illegally bet over the Internet. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2417, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003.** Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. The authorization level is classified. (House Passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2738, UNITED STATES-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT.** Enters the United States into a Free Trade Agreement with Chile, which represents an important inroad into South America. (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2739, UNITED STATES-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT.** Enters the United States into a Free Trade Agreement with Singapore, the first FTA with an Asia-Pacific nation. (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)
- ✓ **H.J. RES. 2, FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT.** Provides funding for eleven FY 2003 appropriations bills. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **H.CON.RES.95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY 2004.** A Wartime budget to strengthen the economy and create jobs, protect America while meeting our critical needs, restrain spending by targeting waste, fraud and abuse and bring America back to balance. (Conference report agreed to in House and Senate.)

- ✓ **S. 23, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS EXTENSION ACT.** Extended Unemployment benefits by 5 months, with a 3 month phase out. (Signed into law.)

## **FUNDING AMERICA'S PRIORITIES**

- ✓ **H.R. \_\_ – DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2004.** (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2555, FY 2004 HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2559, FY 2004 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT.**
- ✓ **H.R. 2657, FY 2004 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2658, FY 2004 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2660, FY 2004 LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2673, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG. ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2004.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2691, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2004.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2754, FY 2004 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2765, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2004.** (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2799, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2004.** (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2800, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2004.** (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)

## **IMPROVING HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION**

- ✓ **H.R. 1, PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003.** Provides a prescription drug benefit under Medicare and makes important improvements to the program. Includes Health Savings Accounts provision, which allows families to accumulate tax-free savings to pay for qualified medical expenses, increasing consumer resources for families. (House and Senate passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 5, HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW-COST, TIMELY HEALTHCARE (HEALTH) ACT OF 2003.** Improves access to quality care, while reducing health care costs, by ensuring a timelier, predictable and fair liability system. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 389, AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATION IN ADAM'S MEMORY ACT.** Provided funding to increase access to medical equipment in schools (Signed into law on July 1, 2003.)
- ✓ **H.R. 399, ORGAN DONATION IMPROVEMENT ACT.** Amended the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 438, TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT OF 2003.** Increases the amount of Federal student loan forgiveness available to highly qualified teachers who teach mathematics or science, or who are special education teachers, in high-need schools. (House passed.)

- ✓ **H.R. 659, HOSPITAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE ACT OF 2003.** Improved our nation's hospitals by giving the Department of Housing and Urban Development the authority to provide mortgage insurance to certain hospitals which are currently ineligible for the insurance. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 660, SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003.** Improves access to affordable, quality health insurance for millions of American small business workers and their families. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 663, PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT.** Created a "culture of safety" by providing legal protection of information reported for the purposes of quality improvement and patient safety. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1261, WORKFORCE REINVESTMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION ACT OF 2003.** Promotes economic development and better equips businesses and workers for success in the 21st century economy. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1298, UNITED STATES LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA ACT OF 2003.** Implements the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, which will dramatically expand the fight against AIDS across the globe. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1350, IMPROVING EDUCATION RESULTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 2003.** Aligns the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) with the principles of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), by promoting accountability for results, providing more flexibility and reducing paperwork burdens for States and school districts, enhancing the role of parents, and insisting on the use of approaches to improving student achievement that are based on sound research. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2210, SCHOOL READINESS ACT OF 2003.** Reauthorizes the Head Start program and makes critical changes to increase teacher quality, academic standards, and prepare disadvantaged children for school. (Scheduled for floor action at print time.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2211, READY TO TEACH ACT OF 2003.** Authorizes three types of grants to strengthen and improve teacher training programs to ensure they are providing prospective teachers with the high quality training needed to enter the classroom ready to teach. (House passed.)

## **SECURING THE HOMELAND**

- ✓ **H.R. 346, AMERICAN SPIRIT FRAUD PREVENTION ACT.** Authorized the FTC to impose civil penalties on individuals or organizations that commit unfair or deceptive acts or practices during periods of national emergency. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 657, EMERGENCY SECURITIES RESPONSE ACT OF 2003.** Provided the SEC additional authority and flexibility to respond to emergency situations such as the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2122 - PROJECT BIOSHIELD ACT OF 2003.** Helped to spur the development and availability of next generation countermeasures against biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological weapons. (House passed.)

## **PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

- ✓ **S. 342 (H.R. 14), KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT OF 2003.** Reauthorizes the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Adoption Opportunities program, the Abandoned Infants Act, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **S. 151 (H.R. 1104), CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT.** Greatly strengthens law enforcement's ability to prevent, investigate, and prosecute violent crimes committed against children, and codifies the National AMBER Alert program. (Signed into law.)

## **SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS, HONORING OUR VETERANS**

- ✓ **H.R. 100, SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.** Provides for financial protection and temporary suspension of certain judicial proceedings for servicemembers on active duty. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1307, ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT.** Contained multiple tax break provisions for the families of military personnel who are deployed. (House passed and Senate passed with amendment.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1559, FY 03 EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL.** Supports our troops as they fight in the global war against terrorism, provides humanitarian relief for the people of Iraq and protects our homeland. (Signed into law.)
- ✓ **H.R. 1588 – NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION FOR FY 2004.** Includes a substantial military pay raise and other benefits critical to sustaining the high quality and morale of America's armed forces. (Conferees appointed.)
- ✓ **H.R. 2559, FY 2004 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS.** Provides \$9.19 billion in funding for new building construction, revitalizing existing facilities and housing, complying with environmental codes and standards, and all costs associated with closing or realigning military installations. (Passed House and Senate with an amendment.)
- ✓ **H.CON.RES. 109, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE BLUE STAR BANNER AND THE GOLD STAR.** Encourages families to proudly display the Blue Star Flag (symbolizing military service of a family member) or, if a family member has died during service, the Gold Star. (Passed House and Senate.)
- ✓ **H.CON.RES.118, CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES HELD AS PRISONER OF WAR BY IRAQI AUTHORITIES.** Warned Saddam Hussein and his regime of their obligation to treat prisoners of war humanely and abide by the rules of the Geneva Convention. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.CON.RES. 177, RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THEIR LEADERS, AND THE ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR ARMED FORCES, WHO PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IN AFGHANISTAN AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM IN IRAQ.** (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.RES. 62, RECOGNIZING AMERICANS HELD PRISONER OF WAR DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.** Expresses gratitude for and encourages States and localities to honor the courage and sacrifice of members of the U.S. armed forces, particularly Sam Johnson of Texas, who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict. (House passed.)

- ✓ **H.RES. 132, RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SHOULD BE UPHELD.** Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in *Newdow v. United States Congress* is inconsistent with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the first amendment and should be overturned. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.J.RES. 4, DESECRATION OF FLAG RESOLUTION.** Proposes to amend the United States Constitution to authorize the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. (House passed.)
- ✓ **H.J.RES. 27, COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.** Expressed the gratitude of the Nation to all members of the United States Armed Forces (whether on active duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserves) who are fighting the Global War on Terrorism. (House passed.)