

First 100 Hours of the 110th Congress

As promised, the House passed a series of key measures during the first 100 legislative hours of the 110th Congress designed to make Congress more accountable and to address long-standing issues of concern to the American people.

For your convenience, I've highlighted the key elements of the 100 Hours Agenda and the outcome of each vote.

Rules and Legislation the House will Consider

Passed

Ban Gifts and Travel from Lobbyists

Members and staff will be prohibited from accepting gifts, meals, and travel from lobbyists. Members will be prohibited from using official or campaign funds to pay for the use of non-commercial, corporate jets. Passed January 4 by a vote of 430-1. (Roll Call Vote 7.)

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Mandate Ethics Training

All House staff and Members of Congress will be required to complete annual ethics training. Passed January 4 by a vote of 430-1 (Roll Call Vote 7.)

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Allow Time to Review Legislation

Members will be given adequate time to review any bill or joint resolution before a vote occurs. Passed January 5 by a vote of 430-5. (Roll Call Vote 8.)

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Ban 'Dead of the Night' Special Interest Provisions

The conference committee process will be reformed to require adequate notice of meetings to ensure that Members can attend. The reforms will ensure that information is available to all conferees, that at least one vote is held, and that the text of conference reports cannot be changed after the committee has completed its work. Passed January 5 by a vote of 430-5. (Roll Call Vote 8.)

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Curb Voting Time Abuses

The time for votes may not be extended for the sole purpose of affecting the outcome. Passed January 5 by a vote of 430-5. (Roll Call Vote 8.)

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Enact Earmark Reform

Sponsors of Congressional earmarks will be identified in the legislation or the Congressional Record. Members who

request earmarks must certify that neither they nor their spouses will financially benefit from them. Passed January 5 by a vote of 280-152. (Roll Call Vote 9.)

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Reinstate Fiscal Responsibility

All new spending and tax cuts must be offset to ensure that they do not add to the federal debt. Passed January 5 by a vote of 280-152. (Roll Call Vote 9.)

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Implement the 9/11 Commission's Recommendations

The bill, H.R. 1, will require major improvements in aviation security, border security, and infrastructure security; provide first responders with the equipment and training they need; beef up efforts to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction; and significantly expand diplomatic, economic, educational, and other strategies designed to counter Islamic terrorism. Passed January 9 by a vote of 299-128. (Roll Call Vote 15.)

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Raising the Minimum Wage

The bill, H.R. 2, will increase the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years, helping up to 15 million Americans and their families. Passed January 10 by a vote of 315-116. (Roll Call Vote 18.)

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Allow Stem Cell Research

The bill, H.R. 3, will increase the number of lines of stem cells that would be eligible for use in federally-funded research and establish stronger ethical guidelines than the President's current policy. Passed January 11 by a vote of 253-174. (Roll Call Vote 20.)

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Provide Prescription Drug Negotiating Authority

The bill, H.R. 4, will repeal the current provision that prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from negotiating with drug companies for lower prices for those enrolled in Medicare prescription drug plans. The Secretary will be required to conduct such negotiations. Passed January 12 by a vote of 255-170. (Roll Call Vote 23.)

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Cut Interest Rates on Student Loans in Half

The bill, H.R. 5, will cut interest rates on student loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent to make college more affordable and accessible. The lower rate will significantly cut the college debt burden for about 5 million students. Passed January 17 by a vote of 356-71. (Roll Call Vote 32.)

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Invest in New Sources of Energy

The bill will invest in clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency and repeal billions in subsidies to big oil companies raking in record profits. Passed January 18 by a vote of 264-123. (Roll Call Vote 40.)

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