

Congress's To Do List

Balance the Federal Budget

- We need to reduce the Debt, which has ballooned by \$1.5 trillion in the last five years.

Iraq

- Develop and implement a plan to hand-off authority to the Iraqi people.

Invest in the Future

- Double the funding for scientific research and all levels of math, science, and technology education.

Fully Implement the 9/11 Commission Recommendations

- Mandate 100% cargo screening for airplanes and shipping containers.
- Make first-responders' communications interoperable.
- Adopt comprehensive chemical security standards.
- Ensure that home Homeland Security grants go where risk and vulnerability are greatest.

Increase the Minimum Wage

- Raise minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour for up to 15 million low-wage hardworking Americans.

Reduce Medical Costs

- Adopt electronic medical records and health information technology (HIT).
- Allow the Federal Government to negotiate lower drug prices on behalf of America's seniors.

Reduce the Number of Uninsured

- Launch a common healthcare plan for the American people such as the one available to Members of Congress.

Reverse the Raid on Student Aid

- Restore funding for the Pell Grants to their historic level.

Become Independent of Middle Eastern Oil Within a Decade

- Rescind the royalty relief and tax benefits for the oil and gas industry

- Increase the investment in biofuels research

- Push for the deployment of hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and flexfuel vehicles, as well as developing the fuel infrastructure for biofuels.

- Increase fuel economy standards.

Honor the Armed Forces

- Properly equip and compensate the men and women who serve.

Adopt and Enforce Strong Ethical Standards for Members of Congress