



Major Accomplishments of the 110th Congress

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“Mrs. Pelosi is arguably the most powerful woman in American history. There have been female governors, secretaries of state and Supreme Court justices, but only one female Speaker.”
– *The Economist*, March 2010

Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats passed over 230 key measures – more than 70% with significant bipartisan support.

The House had a quick, successful start (“Six for ’06” Agenda) and continued to build on that record of accomplishment throughout the Congress. Listed are selected highlights of the legislation signed into law:

INNOVATION & JOBS

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION, which raised vehicle fuel efficiency standards (35 mpg by the year 2020) for the first time in 32 years, and making an historic commitment to American homegrown biofuels.

TAX INCENTIVES FOR CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY that helped create or save over 500,000 jobs.

COMPETES ACT promoted high-tech jobs, expanded math and science education, and boosted research and innovation.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND STIMULUS PACKAGE with Recovery Rebates for 130 million American middle class families to provide some help during difficult economic period.

EDUCATION

LARGEST EXPANSION OF COLLEGE AID IN SIX DECADES, cutting loan rates in half and increasing Pell Grants.

NEW GI BILL to provide free college education to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.

HEAD START REAUTHORIZATION, first reform and expansion in 10 years.

FAIRNESS

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE, first in 10 years, a \$4,400 raise for 13 million Americans.

ECONOMIC RESCUE LEGISLATION to protect Main Street from the crisis on Wall Street.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX REFORM protected 25 million middle-class families from paying the AMT.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY to end coverage discrimination against patients seeking treatment for mental illnesses.

LANDMARK LOBBY AND ETHICS REFORM, including creating of an outside, independent ethics panel.

NATIONAL SECURITY

ENACTED 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS to strengthen homeland security.

LARGEST INVESTMENT IN VETERANS' HEALTH CARE in the 77-year history of the VA.

HOUSE ACTIONS BLOCKED BY THE PRESIDENT

Many major initiatives passed by the House were blocked by President Bush's vetoes (11), veto threats (64), or an historic level of filibusters by Senate Republicans.

Among the bills passed by the House that were blocked by the President's veto or obstruction by Republicans in the Senate were:

- Responsible redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq
- Children's health insurance for 10 million children
- Fall Economic Recovery and Stimulus Effort to create jobs, build essential infrastructure, help states meet soaring health care costs, expand emergency food programs, and extend
- Unemployment Insurance benefits
- Expansion of life-saving Stem Cell Research
- Giving Medicare the authority to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices, saving seniors hundreds of dollars a year
- Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to ensure women are paid equal pay for equal work
- Curbing excessive oil speculation
- Employee Free Choice Act to restore workers' rights by removing obstacles that prevent workers from choosing whether or not they want to form or join a union