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Congress Votes to Set Arbitrary Deadline for Withdrawal From Iraq

Late this week, the House and Senate finalized a war spending bill that contains billions of dollars in pork and sets an arbitrary timeline for withdrawal from Iraq. Under the bill, withdrawal of our troops could begin as early as July with a target completion date of March 2008, regardless of conditions on the ground.

The \$124.2 billion supplemental funding bill also contains nearly \$29 billion in unrelated non-emergency domestic spending. Congressman Miller strongly opposed this latest attempt to micromanage the war in Iraq when it came to the House floor. He believes that instead of tying the hands of our commanders on the ground, we should be giving our troops the resources they need. Congressman Miller hopes that the President vetoes this political stunt quickly so that Congress can pass a serious funding bill without any strings or pork attached.

Congressman Miller Welcomes Border Security Advocates to Washington

Congressman Miller applauds the thousands of citizens who traveled to our nation's capital in a national grassroots effort to counter amnesty supporters. Several constituents and advocates from across the country stopped by Congressman Miller's office for one-on-one meetings. They sat down with Congressman Miller and discussed their concerns about amnesty proposals pending before Congress and the prosecution of Border Agents Ramos and Compean. As part of the rally, Congressman Miller appeared on KFI Radio's "The John and Ken Show," which was broadcasting live from Washington, to encourage citizens to contact their representatives in Congress to express opposition to amnesty proposals and support for strong border and immigration enforcement.

Congressman Miller Named Legislator of the Year

On Wednesday, Congressman Miller received the Institute of Real Estate Management's "Legislator of the Year" award. The award, which was presented by a delegation of property managers visiting from Orange County, recognized the Congressman's efforts to provide tax relief for small businesses, reduce regulatory barriers to community development, and bolster our nation's housing market. Since coming to Washington, Congressman Miller has made it one of his top priorities to address housing needs in the rapidly growing Southern California region.

Whittier Chamber of Commerce Receives Legislative Update

This morning, Congressman Miller addressed the Whittier Chamber of Commerce to provide an update on legislation of interest to local business owners. For 93 years, the Whittier Chamber of Commerce has advocated for the needs of local businesses and Congressman Miller commended them for their efforts. In recognition of his strong voting record on business issues, Congressman Miller was recently recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce with its prestigious "Spirit of Enterprise" award. The award is given annually to Members of Congress who have consistently supported policies designed to stimulate job creation and economic growth.

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