

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE 110th CONGRESS

The 110th Congress opened with the historical banging of the gavel by the first ever female Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Midterm elections resulted in seismic changes on the Hill returning Democrats to power in both chambers for the first time in 12 years. Democrats hold a 51-49 majority in the Senate and a 233-202 majority in the House.

New leadership brings new priorities which will reshape the final two years of the Bush presidency. The Democrats are under pressure to move quickly and efficiently as their performance will surely affect the upcoming 2008 Presidential election. Initially, Congress will focus on Speaker Pelosi's "Six for '06" agenda. This campaign, issued jointly with Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) includes the following goals:

- ▲ **Make Health Care More Affordable:** Fixing the prescription drug program, eliminating wasteful subsidies, negotiating lower drug prices and investing in stem cell and other medical research.
- ▲ **Lower Gas Prices and Achieve Energy Independence:** Cracking down on price gouging, eliminating subsidies for oil and gas companies, developing alternative sources of energy and promoting efficiency.
- ▲ **Help Working Families:** Raising the minimum wage and repealing tax giveaways that encourage companies to move jobs overseas.
- ▲ **Cut College Costs:** Making college tuition tax deductible, expanding Pell grants and slashing student loan costs.
- ▲ **Ensure Dignified Retirement:** Preventing the privatization of Social Security, expanding savings incentives and ensuring pension fairness.
- ▲ **Require Fiscal Responsibility:** Restoring the budget discipline of the 1990s which spurred record economic growth.

The Congress has hit the ground running and has already started to move this agenda by strengthening lobbying and ethics rules, providing increased funding for stem cell research, rolling back the multi-billion dollar subsidies for big oil companies, raising the minimum wage, cutting the interest rate on student loans and committing to pay-as-you-go, no new deficit spending. The 2007 Congressional session is expected to be longer than in recent years with fewer and shorter recesses and more voting days scheduled.



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Expertise and Experience

TURNER GPA IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE the expansion of our firm to include experts in several key areas.

BUSINESS

Ariella Herman, Esq.

- Practiced Business & Finance law at one of the world's leading law firms, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. ■ Advised public and private company clients on a variety of matters, including public offerings, private equity transactions, mergers and acquisitions, general securities and corporate law. ■ Expertise in understanding your business.



DEFENSE & HOMELAND SECURITY

Brent Eastwood, PhD

- Bill Thomas (former Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee)
- Represented the United States at the NATO Young Leaders Forum. ■ Served as an adjunct researcher for the RAND Corporation's National Defense Research Institute where he conducted defense policy analysis for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (AT&L). ■ Distinguished Military Graduate, US Army Infantry officer and service-connected disabled veteran.



COMMERCE

Catherine McCullough, Esq.

- Served as a Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. ■ Worked on such high-profile issues as identity theft, internet privacy, insurance legislation, post-Katrina oil and gas pricing, steroid use by U.S. Olympic and professional athletes, and the Jack Abramoff investigation. ■ Worked as an Associate Director at one of Washington's largest trade associations.
- Expertise in matters before the Commerce Committee and consumer affair and products.



ENVIRONMENT

Virginia Ainslie

- Played a key role in securing more than \$2 billion in federal environmental and transportation funds.
- Expertise in transportation (environmental provisions of SAFETEA-LU), Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, wastewater treatment, watershed based pollution management, sanitary and combined sewer overflow abatement, regional water quality planning and air quality conformance. ■ Wrote the first Transportation Air Quality Conformance Plan for northeast Ohio, as the Administrator of Transportation, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency. ■ Holds an M.S. equivalent in inorganic catalysts from the University of Wisconsin as well as a B.S. (Cum Laude) in Chemistry from Michigan State University.

HEALTH CARE

Gary Capistrant

- Advisor to health investment analysts for J.P. Morgan, Smith Barney Citicorp, UBS Warburg and other money managers, Wall Street investment analysts and innovative health providers.
- Served on President Clinton's transition team for the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Former Director of Congressional Relations for the American Health Care Association, Staff Director of the State Medicaid Directors Association and Health Legislative Assistant to former Rep. Jim Corman.
- Expertise in Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, Medicaid and other public payor programs.



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Ian Pfeiffer

- Served as Ranking Member's staff associate to the House Transportation Committee's Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee.
- Work focused on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as a legislative director.
- Legislative staffer to Colorado & Californian Representatives.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Patricia Rimo, PhD

- Former Lucent Technologies chief lobbyist and Verizon Communications principal spokesperson on regulatory and policy issues.
- Saved two lines of business for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) during House and Senate negotiations over The Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- Headed Government Affairs for Telcordia Technologies (formerly Bellcore).
- Assistant Professor of English and Journalism at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD.
- Expertise in intellectual property, cyber-security, telecommunications, health care and pension.



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Ask the Lobbyist

Q: How has the Jack Abramoff scandal changed your business?

A: Both parties have spent the last couple of months falling over each other to introduce "lobbying reform" measures. The Senate and the House have passed extensive measures banning meals, gifts and trips from lobbyists, among other things. Some of this is very important, but when lobbyists are prevented from buying a staffer a cup of coffee but are at the same time actively solicited for campaign contributions to the tune of \$2,300 to \$4,600 a pop, there is an inconsistency in the system. It's a strange world we live in.

Submit your questions to: aherman@lobbylinx.com

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Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, William Greenwalt visits Wyman-Gordon. From Left: Joe Mahaney (W-G), Paul Rossi (W-G), David Chu (OSD-Industrial Policy), Commander Skarda (Senior Industry Analyst for Shipbuilding), Scott Ransley (W-G) and William Greenwalt.



Congresswoman Hooley (D-OR) visits Precision Castparts Corporation. From Left: Caren Turner (Turner GPA), Eileen Drake (PCC), Stephen Irvine (PCC), Congw. Hooley, Ross Lienhart (PCC), Andrea Salinas (Cong. Staffer) and Roger Cooke (PCC).



Former House Speaker Dennis J. Hastert (R-IL) and Patricia Rimo (Turner GPA).



Brent Eastwood with Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) at the 2006 NATO Summit

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Brent Eastwood with Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) at the 2006 NATO Summit in Riga, Latvia



Congressman Thomas Reynolds (R-NY) visits Sentry Safe. From Left: Cong. Reynolds and James Brush (Sentry Safe).



Caren Turner with Chairman Rangel (D-NY) of the House Ways & Means Committee


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