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Thank you for reading The Conaway Chronicle, a weekly review of my activities in Congress. This newsletter is to let you know what's going on in Washington and what important issues are being debated in Congress.

2007 FARM BILL

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives considered and voted on H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007. The bill passed by a vote of 231-191. Early last week, I voiced support for the bipartisan Farm Bill that passed through the Agriculture Committee. The day before the Farm Bill was to be taken up by the full House, the Democrat Leadership inserted a tax increase and other anti-business provisions, destroying what was a bipartisan coalition in support of the bill. You should have received a special edition of the Conaway Chronicle explaining more about my vote on the farm bill. You can [click here](#) to read more.

IMPROVING CAMPAIGN TRANSPARENCY

Last Monday, the House passed the Campaign Expenditure Transparency Act ([H.R. 2630](#)). The bill prohibits political action committees from paying the spouses of candidates.

Without exception, our elected officials must be held to the highest standards of accountability. This legislation will help close a loophole that could have allowed elected officials to abuse the system.

TEXAS DECLARED DROUGHT-FREE

For the first time in over a decade, weather officials declared an end to drought conditions across the state. Abundant rains throughout Texas over the past couple of months have caused major flooding in some parts of the state. Numerous rivers remain at or above flood level. Farmers continue to struggle salvaging crops that remain under water, and many businesses and homes suffered damage.

If you or someone you know was affected by the recent flooding, [click here](#) for information to determine if you are eligible and how to register for FEMA disaster assistance.

KEEPING AMERICA SAFER

On March 27th, House Republicans responded to widespread public outrage about last November's infamous "Flying Imams" incident aboard a U.S. Airways flight from Minneapolis to Phoenix – where six Islamic leaders were removed after being observed acting suspiciously. The imams filed a lawsuit against U.S. Airways and the airport. The lawsuit also targeted the unnamed



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"John Doe" passengers who "may have made false reports against plaintiffs solely with the intent to discriminate against them on the basis of their race, religion, ethnicity and national origin."

As a result, House Republicans offered an immunity amendment that would protect innocent Americans who report potential terrorist activity aboard various forms of public transportation by shielding such Americans against frivolous lawsuits. Last week, after much debate, Democrats finally agreed with Republicans

that we should be encouraging Americans to report potential terrorist activity to the proper authorities. This much-needed measure is critical in the effort to confront the significant threats posed by al Qaeda and other terrorists and protect the American people.

Despite initial Democratic opposition to this important homeland security measure, common sense prevailed and Americans who report suspicious activity will be protected from frivolous lawsuits. The House passed the measure by a vote of 304-121 with the support of 105 Democrats.

The Conaway Chronicle will be issued every Monday or Tuesday when Congress is in session. I hope that you will find it informative and will continue to stay informed with my recent legislative activities in Washington. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for future issues of the Conaway Chronicle, please visit the website at www.house.gov/conaway or don't hesitate to call me at (202) 225-3605. Check out my blog at www.conawayblog.com!

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