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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.

Economic Stimulus Proposal

Last week, members of the leadership in Congress worked with the President in a bipartisan fashion on an economic growth package with a goal to prevent our economy from slipping into a recession.

Because we are not certain a stimulus package is needed, we must act carefully to ensure that we create short-term growth without causing long-term damage. I will support legislation that is timely, temporary and targeted to ensure that our efforts are not counterproductive.



The economic stimulus package that is supported by the House leadership, President Bush and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Jr. costs almost \$150 billion. It is expected to sidestep the committee process and head straight to the House floor sometime this week or next. At that point, the Senate will receive it and consider adding other provisions of which I have some concerns.

In the House version of the bill, Americans who earned an income of at least \$3,000, including those who did not pay any federal tax, in 2007 will receive a rebate check for at least \$300. Those with children will receive an additional \$300 for each child. In general, Americans who have an income tax liability will receive progressively more, up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples, plus the additional amount for each child.

The State of our Union

Tonight I will attend President Bush's final State of the Union address. As the President looks ahead to his last year in the White House, he has a number of pressing issues to address and I look forward to his hearing his agenda. The slowing economy will most likely be at the forefront of his speech and I expect that the President will likely use this opportunity to explain the proposed \$150 billion stimulus package that he crafted with bipartisan support from Congress. It is my hope that the President will also address a host of other domestic issues like immigration reform, healthcare and entitlement spending.



His discussion of foreign policy will likely be dominated by the Middle East and our current progress in Iraq and Afghanistan. I look forward to hearing his

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assessment of the situation and his plans for our future involvement in those countries. Additionally, I hope to hear his thoughts on other pressing global issues such as the current situations in Iran and Pakistan.

Be on the lookout for a Special Edition of the Conaway Chronicle highlighting the President's final State of the Union address.

The Conaway Chronicle will be issued every week 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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