



**Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Michigan's 13th District**

# Hill News

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**News From The Office of Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick**  
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This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States' Congress that effect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

## **This Week In Congress:**

### TRANSPORTATION

The U.S. Senate passed its version of a Service Transportation Reauthorization bill. The body approved an amount of \$318 billion over a period of six years. The U.S. House is scheduled for mark-up on its version of the Transportation legislation when the Members return from recess on February 24th. The current house bill stands at \$370 billion. Both bills have a much higher price tag than the Bush Administration is proposing which is a little more than \$250 billion.

### JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT

America's jobless recovery continued for the month of January. There were 11,000 manufacturing jobs lost last month nationwide. A total of 2.8 million manufacturing jobs have been lost since President Bush took office in January 2001. Michigan has lost more than 127,000 manufacturing jobs for that same period. As a result, applications for jobless benefits rose for the month of January by more than 360,000.

### OUTSOURCING OF JOBS

Earlier this week, White House Economic Advisor N. Gregory Mankiw said in releasing the annual Economic Report of the President, that the "offshoring" of U.S. service jobs is "the latest manifestation of the gains from trade that economists have talked about for centuries. Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade." Afterwards, Republican Congressman Donald Manzullo of Illinois called for his resignation. But this action falls right in line with the policies of the Bush Administration. In Michigan, our unemployment rate is above the national average. This Presidential Administration just does not get it.

### SNAIL MAIL

If you have sent mail to my Washington, DC office in the last couple of months we probably have not received it. Due to the ricin found in the office of Senate Majority Leader William Frist, all mail on Capitol Hill has been discontinued until further notice. Any correspondence from constituents in Detroit, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods should be sent to the Detroit District Office at, 1274 Library Street, Suite 1B, Detroit, MI 48226. Any correspondence from constituents in River Rouge, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, and Wyandotte should be sent to the South River District Office at, 3005 Biddle Avenue, Room A, Wyandotte, MI 48192. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### CBC RADIO ADDRESS

On Saturday, February 14, at 12:00 Noon, the American Urban Radio Network will air the weekly Congressional Black Caucus Radio Address. This week I am addressing America on "The Misplaced Priorities of the Bush Budget." You may also listen to a one-minute excerpt of the address on the MBC Network, channel 293 on Detroit Comcast Cable, this evening during their 7:00PM newscast.