



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe

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Dear friend,

Over the course of this past year, I have been proactive in advancing common-sense solutions, while standing against the liberal agenda being advanced in Washington by the Democrats. From national defense to economic issues, and from health care to cap-and-trade, this annual report provides you with information on the work I have been doing for Oklahoma and the nation during 2009.

The troubling economy stood out as the prevailing issue last year, even following us into 2010. Looking back, Congress authorized the expenditure of billions of taxpayer dollars by an unaccountable, unelected bureaucrat. It really is no surprise that this run-away spending has done nothing to help our ailing economy or the Americans looking for work. Through many legislative efforts last year, I worked to halt the release of the bailout funds and to stop the massive spending that came with the stimulus and omnibus bills. Instead, I worked to allow Oklahomans and Americans to keep more of their hard earned money. At the same time, I repeatedly tried to direct federal spending in ways that are proven to create jobs and improve the economy, such as infrastructure and military spending.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, stopping the massive cap-and-trade legislation and reauthorizing the Highway bill have been my top priorities. Thankfully, cap-and-trade, which would have been the biggest tax increase in American history while shipping jobs overseas, was defeated once again in 2009. With so many Americans opposing this bill at a time when unemployment is around 10 percent, the liberal leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives passed the measure. Thankfully, a lack of support in the Senate caused the measure to stall.

Through my leadership position on the Senate Armed Services committee, I fought against President Obama's promise to close GITMO within a year, and I worked to improve spending for national security. Sadly, this administration has sought an agenda that disarms America's military. Since defending this nation is the highest priority of government, I will work to ensure that our men and women in uniform have the resources they need.

Finally, I was pleased to be named to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In this new position, I will work to strengthen the ties we have with our allies, improve our trade relationships, and work to address important issues around the world.

Within this annual report, you will learn more about my efforts during 2009 on these and other issues. With so much taking place in Washington, you can stay informed with what is happening in Congress by signing up for my weekly e-newsletter at www.inhofe.senate.gov.

In this second half of the 111th Congress, there is much to be done, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue representing you in the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

James M. Inhofe



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Senator Inhofe is sworn in for his third term in the U.S. Senate.

INHOFE'S LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Senior Member, Senate Armed Services Committee

***Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs*

Co-chair, Senate Army Caucus

***At-Large Member, U.S. Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors*

Co-chair, Senate Taiwan Caucus

Founding Member, Border Security and Enforcement First Caucus

Member, Rural Health Caucus

Member, Enforcement First Immigration Caucus

Member, Rural Education Caucus

***Member, Natural Gas Caucus*

***Member, Senate General Aviation Caucus*

***Co-chair, Congressional Coalition on Adoption*

****New leadership positions for 2009**



Environment & Public Works

Senator Inhofe, as Ranking Member, is the lead Republican on the Environment and Public Works Committee. The following are some of his main priorities and activities on the committee over the past year.

“I have long been a supporter of EDA programs and am happy to see investments being directed to local infrastructure projects.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Reauthorization Act

- Senator Inhofe introduced the EDA Reauthorization Act of 2009, S. 430, on February 12, 2009. EDA works with partners in economically distressed communities to create wealth and minimize poverty by promoting favorable business environments to attract private investment and encourage long-term economic growth. Authorization for the EDA expired in September of 2008.
- Voted in EPW Committee November 18, 2009 to approve S. 2778, a bill to reauthorize EDA and improve its programs. EDA works with partners in economically distressed communities to create wealth and minimize poverty by promoting favorable business environments to attract private investment and encourage long-term economic growth.



Sen. Inhofe welcomed LaVern Phillips, President of the Woodward Industrial Foundation in Oklahoma to an EPW Oversight Hearing on the Economic Development. May 21, 2009.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- COSPONSORED S. Amdt. 169 to the stimulus (HR1) with eight bipartisan co-sponsors to increase highway funding by \$5 billion taking it from a general surface transportation fund
- INTRODUCED S. Amdt. 374 to the stimulus to redirect up to \$50 billion in funds remaining unobligated by 9/30/09 to be used for highways, bridges, public transportation, and capitalization grants under the Clean Water State Revolving Funds and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for projects a state can certify are shovel ready and able to be obligated within 120 days.



Environment & Public Works (continued)

Global Warming

Senator Inhofe continued the fight against cap-and-trade legislation while continuing his efforts to speak out against Global Warming extremism.

- Dear Colleague Letter with EPW Republicans March 19, 2009 to send clear message to the Administration to keep global warming legislation out of the budget process.
- Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson with EPW Republicans June 09, 2009 calling on EPA to provide updated realistic analysis to Waxman-Markey Bill, H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.
- Letter to CBO June 23, 2009 asking if in its recent analysis of H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, it considered the regional impacts of the bill.
- Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson with Sen. Voinovich July 24, 2009 requesting updated analysis on the Waxman-Markey American Clean Energy and Security (ACES) Act of 2009.
- Letter to Sen. Boxer November 02, 2009 with 5 ranking republicans of the Senate Committees with jurisdiction over portions of the "Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act" called for an analysis of the bill. Senator Boxer had announced plans to mark up the bill in the EPW committee despite concerns that a full accounting of the bill's projected impact on the nation's economy has not been completed.
- Letter sent to EPA Administrator Jackson along with Sen. Barrasso March 05, 2009 asking for an explanation of the process EPA will use to notify the Committee about any reviews or rulemaking that fall under the Committee's jurisdiction.
- Letter to Peter Orzag, Director Office of Management and Budget along with Sen. Voinovich March 30, 2009 urging that the Obama Administration adhere to transparency, cost-benefit analysis, and best available science in crafting federal regulations.
- Letter sent to Senator Boxer along with all EPW Republicans September 29, 2009 urging the introduction of a complete cap-and-trade bill with no placeholders.
- Letter to Senator Boxer December 01, 2009 requesting committee hearings on Climategate controversy which has far-reaching policy implications on EPA's endangerment finding.



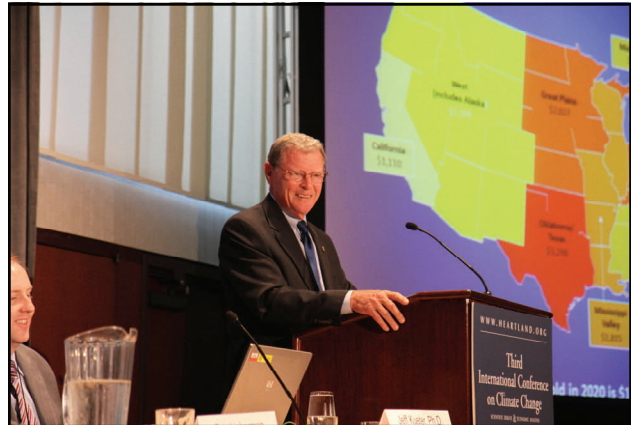
Senator Inhofe visited Copenhagen on December 17, 2009 to ensure the 191 countries attending COP-15 that the U.S. will not pass cap-and-trade legislation. Senator Inhofe remains dedicated to fighting against cap and trade legislation and exposing the truth behind Climategate and global warming.



Environment & Public Works (continued)

Global Warming (continued)

- Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson August 04, 2009 along with Sen. Barrasso questioning the process used to evaluate the scientific basis for EPA's proposed endangerment finding for greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. The letter continues an ongoing investigation by Senators Inhofe and Barrasso into alleged suppression of a climate report written by Dr. Alan Carlin, a PhD economist in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation.
- Letters sent along with Sen. Barrasso and Sen. Vitter to Administration officials October 08, 2009 seeking information about the role of the White House Coordinator for Energy and Climate Policy (CZAR) Carol Browner in formulating federal regulations and policies.
- Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson along with Sen. Barrasso September 23, 2009 urging the EPA not to finalize the Agency's Proposed Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases Under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act (proposed rule) until it provides answers to letters that the Senators sent regarding the process behind EPA's proposed endangerment finding for greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.
- Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson along with Sen. Barrasso October 16, 2009 urging the appointment of a full time Inspector General to the EPA.
- Letter with Sen. Vitter to NASA Inspector General December 03, 2009 about agency's possible obstruction of FOIA request. The FOIA requests seek NASA's temperature record and agency emails concerning changes agency researchers made to the temperature record in 2007.
- Letter along with 26 Republicans sent December 10, 2009 to United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon requesting an independent investigation into the controversial e-mails released from the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit (CRU).



Senator Inhofe speaks at the Climate Change Conference in the Washington Court Hotel on June 2, 2009.

“With China and India recently issuing statements of defiant opposition to mandatory emissions controls, acting alone through the job-killing Waxman-Markey bill would impose severe economic burdens on American consumers, businesses, and families, all without any impact on climate.”

Senator Jim Inhofe



Environment & Public Works (continued)

Nuclear

Senator Inhofe believes in a strong domestic energy policy which includes nuclear energy. The following are some of his actions on this issue.

- Letter to Secretary of Energy Steven Chu on April 29, 2009 seeking explanation of Obama's Yucca Mountain decision — to kill the government's efforts to develop a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. Senator Inhofe initiated the letter co-signed by 16 senators asking the Energy Secretary to provide the scientific and technical basis for that decision.
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- Letter to General Accountability Office with Senator Vitter on July 07, 2009 requesting GAO Oversight of New Nuclear License Applications. Senator Inhofe, together with Senator Vitter, asked the GAO to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's new plant licensing reviews for adequate planning, transparent schedules, and accountability.
- Letter to Department of Energy and Office of Management and Budget with Senator Crapo December 22, 2009 requesting detailed information on the process being used to assess the risk associated with federal loan guarantees for new nuclear plants.

Mining

- Letter sent to EPA Administrator Jackson April 21, 2009 requesting information on the delay of Clean Water Act permits for mountain-top mining projects. The letter is in response to the delayed issuance of six Clean Water Act permits as well as the impending review of 200 additional permits.
- Inhofe releases Fact Sheet, Appalachian Coal Mining: Enhancing Our Nation's Energy Security on October 13, 2009.

Legislation Passed

- Through his leadership position on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator Inhofe has secured federal funding for both environmental cleanup of the Tar Creek Superfund site and relocation assistance for area residents. To continue and expedite the process, Senator Inhofe introduced S. Amdt. 2445 to the Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 2996, on September 21, 2009.
- Also included in the bill is a buyout for the residents of Treece, Kansas. Senator Inhofe worked with both U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS) and U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) to include the measure, S. Amdt. 2509, that is similar to the buyout Inhofe secured for the Tar Creek area residents of Picher, Oklahoma. The amendment was introduced September 22, 2009. Both amendments were enacted into Public Law 111-88 on October 30, 2009.



Environment & Public Works (continued)



Chemicals

- Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson on Lead-Based Paint Rule Implementation May 19, 2009.
- Follow-up Letter to EPA Administrator Jackson on Lead-Based Paint Rule Implementation October 16, 2009.



Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

- Letter sent to EPA Administration along with the entire Oklahoma delegation November 17, 2009 expressing concern that EPA may propose a new rule under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) that would impose unnecessary restrictions on whole scrap tires for use as an alternative fuel source in cement kilns.
- Letter to the President along with 26 other Senators Republican and Democratic, December 23, 2009 seeking clarification on EPA coal ash rules.



Water

- COSPONSORED May 7, 2009, S. 1005, the **Water Infrastructure Financing Act** with Senator Cardin. This act provides competitive grants and loan forgiveness and flexibility for Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act for municipal funding.
- Letter to Senator Boxer along with EPW Republicans April 30, 2009 requesting that S. 787, the Clean Water Restoration Act, receive a legislative hearing prior to any consideration in a Committee Business Meeting.

Legislation Passed

McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act (S.192) was introduced by Senator Inhofe in the Senate. Representative Mary Fallin introduced similar language in the House (HR.376). The legislation conveys drinking water infrastructure to Oklahoma City through the Bureau of Reclamation. This legislation was enacted and became Public law 111-11 on March 30, 2009.

What Others Are Saying

“Few people understand Oklahoma’s infrastructure needs and the struggles of local communities to meet federal mandates than Senator Jim Inhofe. His legislation will not only provide needed loans and funding for communities across Oklahoma to meet critical water needs, but is only one more part of the Senator’s continuing work to address our state’s critical infrastructure.”

Duane Smith
Executive Director of Oklahoma Water Resources Board



National Security

"I have made several efforts to bring legislation to the Senate that would keep GITMO open and deal with this issue once and for all. The fact that the Democrats continue to block my efforts defies the outspoken desire of a majority of Americans. I will continue fighting to represent these voices pursuing every available opportunity that permanently keeps the facility open and closes the door to terrorist transfers."

Senator Jim Inhofe

Gitmo

- Senator Inhofe fought very hard this year to keep GITMO detainees off of U.S. soil. One such effort is his bill, the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Safe Closure Act of 2009, S. 370 which prohibits federal funds from being used to transfer any detainee at GITMO to any facility in the United States or its territories, construct or enhance any facility in the United States in order house any such detainee, or house or otherwise incarcerate any such detainee in the United States or its territories.
- Senator Inhofe also introduced S. Amdt. 163 prohibiting H.R. 1 (stimulus) funds and S. Amdt. 659 prohibiting H.R. 1105 (omnibus FY09) funds both in the same manner as S. 370. Additionally, he introduced S.Amdt. 744 creating reserve funds in S.Con.Res.13 to keep GITMO open.

Legislation Passed

Senator Inhofe was successful at passing S.Amdt.1133 to H.R.2346, which prohibits funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States. The legislation, authored with Senator Inouye passed the Senate May 20, 2009, by a vote of 90-6. Also, H.R.3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, was passed October 6, 2009 and included the Inhofe-Inouye provision prohibiting transfer of detainees at GITMO to the U.S.

Military Voting

- Senator Inhofe has supported several legislative efforts to ensure delivery, receipt and counting of military absentee ballots. He co-sponsored the Military Voting Protect Act of 2009, S. 1026, the **Military Voters' Equal Access to Voter Registration Act of 2009**, S. 1265, the **Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act**, S. 1415, and S. Amdt. 1764 and H.R. 1490 which was agreed to in the Senate by Voice Vote on July 23, 2009.
- He also authored and introduced S. 1443, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.



National Security (continued)

Improve National Defense Funding

- Senator Inhofe introduced S. J. Res. 10 establishing a 4% of GDP minimum budget for defense to ensure continued U.S. military preeminence and deterrence. Congressman Trent Franks (Ariz.-02) introduced identical legislation in the House, HJ. Res.23, with Congressman Tom Cole (Okla.-04) as an original co-sponsor.
- Senator Inhofe introduced S.Amdt. 262/267 to amend H.R. 1 (stimulus) to appropriate, with a complete offset from frivolous spending in the bill \$5,232,000,000 for procurement for the Department of Defense to reconstitute military units to an acceptable readiness rating and to restock prepositioned assets and war reserve material. Unfortunately, the legislation failed in the Senate by a vote of 38 to 59.



Senator Inhofe routinely travels to areas of operations in order to gain first hand information from our men and women in uniform serving overseas.

Legislation Passed

S.Amdt.1528 to S.1390, co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe, passed the Senate by a vote of 93 to 1. The legislation provides authority to increase Army active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2010 as well as fiscal year 2011 and 2012.

Recognizing that new protest criteria is needed to curb the filing of frivolous protests all the while ensuring that defense contractors with legitimate complaints are not discouraged from protesting, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, S.454, which became Public Law 111-23 on May 22, 2009. Included in S.454, Senator Inhofe attached S.Amdt.1044, requiring the DOD to assess the costs of terminating critical modernization programs such as the Future Combat Systems in program termination decision making.

Senator Inhofe also introduced S.Amdt.2618 to H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, which ensures readiness and ammunition acquisition, inherently governmental activities, remain the core responsibilities of the U.S. Army to prevent disruption. The legislation became Public Law 111-118 on December 12, 2009.

“The United States has the finest military in the world thanks to investments in our military and a strong national defense in the 1980s and after 9/11. The speed at which new technologies and weapons systems are being created mandates continued investment in order to stay on top.”

Senator Jim Inhofe



National Security (continued)

Missile Defense

- A layered missile defense capability to provide the U.S. and its allies a defense against a ballistic missile attack has always been a top priority for Senator Inhofe. As such, he cosponsored S.Amdt. 1744 to S. 1390 to express the sense of the Senate on and reserve funds for the development and deployment of missile defense systems to Europe. The legislation passed the Senate by a voice vote.

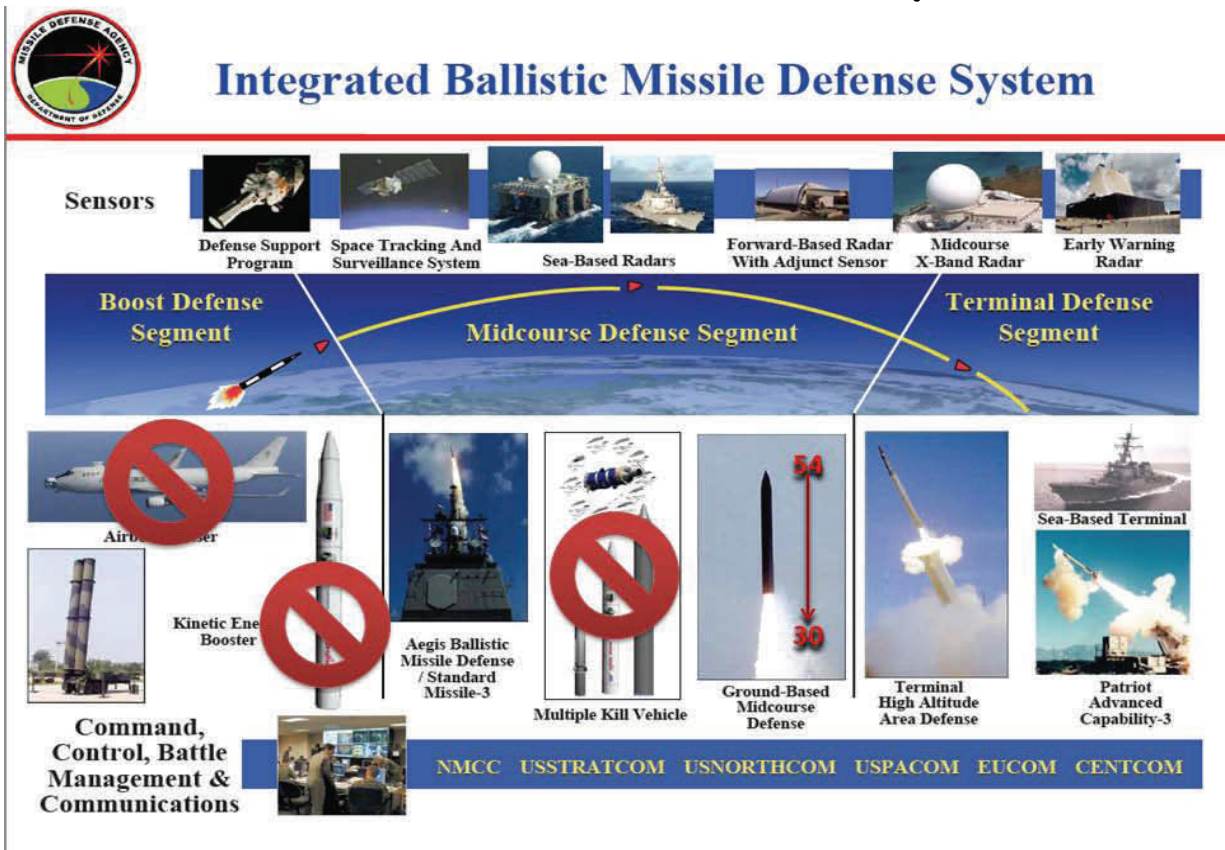
Legislation Passed

Senator Inhofe also co-sponsored S.Amdt.2616 to H.R.3326 providing funding to the two-stage ground-based interceptor missile. This legislation also passed the Senate by a voice vote.

“I have long viewed the deployment of a layered ballistic missile defense as an urgent priority, vital to the future of our country’s national security.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

Obama Cuts To Our Missile Defense System






National Security (continued)

Oklahoma Military Bases

- Through his senior position on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Inhofe has consistently fought to ensure that Oklahoma’s bases and military installations are recognized nationally for their achievements and dedication. He has also worked to ensure that the installations receive the funding needed to further their growth and development.

 Senator Inhofe secured the following funding in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R.3326, which was made Public Law 111-118 on December, 19, 2009:

- \$800,000 for Advanced Autonomous Robotic Inspections for Aging Aircraft Veracity Technology Solutions
- \$5 million for Call for Fire Trainer II / Joint Fires and Effects Trainer System (JFETS) at Ft. Sill
- \$3 million for Fido Explosives Detector
- \$5 million for Ground Warfare Acoustical Combat System of Netted Sensors
- \$6 million for Precision Guidance Kit Technology Development
- \$3 million for Technology Applications for Security Enhancement at Oklahoma State University
- \$2.4 million for Aging Systems Sustainment and Enabling Technologies at Oklahoma State University



Senator Inhofe speaks with Army Chief of Staff General George Casey.

What Others Are Saying

“Senator Inhofe has been a long-time supporter of our men and women in uniform..His leadership on national security and defense issues makes him an ideal choice to serve.”

**Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Senate Minority Leader**

- \$2.4 million for E-6B Strategic Communications Upgrade
- \$1.14 million for Fire Suppression Systems
- \$1.2 million for High Density Power Conversion
- \$2.4 million for Lightweight Composite Structure for Aerospace Vehicles
- \$2 million for Joint Fires and Effects Training System Enhancements
- \$2.4 million for MCAAP Bomb Line Modernization
- \$800,000 for Tactical Metal Fabrication



National Security (continued)

“These citizen-soldiers and airmen are the backbone of our state, and have answered the call to duty in defense of our nation numerous times...These men and women in uniform from Oklahoma are some of the best in the nation and we owe them and their families our gratitude.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

█ Oklahoma Funding in Department of Defense Appropriations (continued)

- \$2 million for Oklahoma Unmanned Systems Alliance
- \$1.6 million for WMD Multi-Sensor Response and Infrastructure Project System for the OK Air National Guard
- \$2.8 million for Infrared Material
- \$2.4 Million for University Multi-Spectral Laboratories Test Facility at Oklahoma State University

█ As a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Senator Inhofe also secured the following Military Construction and Veterans funds for Oklahoma bases on December 16, 2009:

- \$10.7 million for Control Tower at Vance Air Force Base
- \$5.2 million T-9 Test Cell at Tinker Air Force Base
- \$64 million for barracks at Fort Sill
- \$22 million for the Warrior in Transition Complex at Fort Sill
- \$11.2 million for the General Purpose Storage Building at McAlester AAP
- \$1.3 million for the High Explosive Magazine, Depot Level at McAlester AAP
- \$20.3 million for repairing taxiways at Altus Air Force Base
- \$13.037 million for hangers at Tinker Air Force Base
- \$7.3 million for the Will Rogers World Airport TFI-ASOS Beddown for the Oklahoma Air National Guard
- \$10.554 million for the Dental Clinic at Fort Sill
- \$2.7 million to replace upload facility at Altus Air Force Base.



Senator Inhofe visits Ft. Sill.





Foreign Relations

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

- On July 21, 2009, Senator Inhofe announced that he had been appointed as the newest member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. He is the ranking member on the East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee, which deals with strategically important countries for the United States' national security such as China, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, North Korea, South Korea, and others.

Senate Taiwan Caucus

- Senator Inhofe is a co-chair of the Senate Taiwan Caucus along with Senator Menendez (D-N.J.). Accordingly, he has sent letters to: President Obama with 29 colleagues on March 24, 2009, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act which guarantees the U.S.'s commitment to Taiwan; Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO) on June 9, 2009, appreciating WHO for granting Taiwan "observer" status at the World Health Assembly; and President Ma on August 11, 2009 expressing condolences regarding the destruction in Taiwan due to Typhoon Morakot.

Foreign Relations Legislation priorities:

- S. Res. 155, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the PRC should cease engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people.
- The Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act of 2009, S. 1067, legislation that directs the President to develop a regional strategy to eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).
- The North Korea Sanctions Act of 2009, S. 837, to designate North Korea as a regime supporting international terrorism.
- The Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act of 2009, S. 2737, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel.

Legislation Passed

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre in Beijing, China, Senator Inhofe introduced S.Res.171, a resolution commending the people who have sacrificed their personal freedoms to bring about democratic change in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and expressing sympathy for the families of the people who were killed, wounded, or imprisoned. The resolution passed by unanimous consent on June 8, 2009.

Senator Inhofe co-sponsored S.Res.139, a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the end of communist rule in Poland.

He also co-sponsored S.Res.176, a resolution expressing the U.S.'s policy during the political transition in Zimbabwe.

Finally, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored S. Res. 9, a resolution commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations.



Foreign Relations (continued)

Foreign Relations Legislation priorities (continued):

- S.Con.Res. 11, a concurrent resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism.
- The Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act, S.908, to provide authorization to the President to sanction foreign companies that are exporting gasoline and other petroleum products into Iran and foreign companies who are helping Iran develop their domestic refining capabilities.
- The Iran Sanctions Enabling act of 2009, S. 1065, to authorize state and local governments to divest from companies investing in Iran’s petroleum and natural gas sector and protects fund managers who divest from such companies from potential lawsuits.



Senator Inhofe speaks about the atrocities of Joseph Kony of the LRA, and his legislative efforts to end Kony’s reign of terror.

Senator Inhofe wrote or signed on to several letters in regards to foreign relations

- Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong on March 17, 2009 encouraging the PRC to support the condemnation by the UN Security Council for the Sudanese government’s decision to expel several humanitarian organizations in Darfur, Sudan.
- Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on November 12, 2009 requesting an examination of certain firms, with investments in Iran, in order to determine whether they are in violation of the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act.
- President Obama with 70 colleagues on August 7, 2009, supporting the administration’s efforts in encouraging Arab states to normalize relations with Israel and demonstrate their commitment to the Israel-Palestinian peace process.
- Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on July 8, 2009, expressing discrepancy with the State Department’s label on the removal of former-President Zelaya from power as a coup d’état. Additionally, the letter requests for State to meet with the Honduran officials and the legal determination for interrupting U.S. assistance to Honduras.
- Secretary Hillary Clinton on October 28, 2009 requesting a copy for Congress of the classified annex describing the specifics of the administration’s policy regarding Sudan and Darfur crisis.
- Moroccan King Mohammed VI on October 23, 2009 expressing concern for the arrest of seven Sahrawi human rights activists and supporting a resolution to the Western Sahara conflict.



Senator Inhofe with his adopted granddaughter Zegita, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and Congressman John Boozman.



Adoption

■ Congressional Coalition on Adoption

Senator Inhofe joined the Congressional Coalition on Adoption as co-chair along with Senator Landrieu (D-La.).

- Senator Inhofe cosponsored S.Res.291 which expresses support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month, November, by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involving in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. The bill passed the Senate November 3, 2009 with 36 co-sponsors.

■ Additional adoption legislation co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe

- Foreign Adopted Children Equality (FACE) Act, S. 1359, legislation which would streamline the international adoption process so that a child adopted by a U.S. parent becomes a citizen of the U.S. at the point of full and final adoption. Currently, the full and final adoption usually happens in the child's country, but U.S. citizenship doesn't attach until the child reaches U.S. soil. As a result, the adoptive parents have to pay significant amounts to get a visa and put their child through the immigration process just to fly to the U.S.
- Families for Orphans Act, S. 1458, which aims to better coordinate efforts on behalf of orphaned children is divided among various office and bureaus which are not necessarily working together to accomplish a cohesive strategy. The legislation will put in place a system to eradicate the unnecessary duplication of efforts in order to more efficiently meet the needs of orphaned children. The Office of Orphan Policy, Diplomacy, and Development under the U.S. State Department will capably coordinate both domestic and international efforts on behalf of children seeking homes. The legislation could also create a grant program to help other countries improve their child welfare and adoption practices.

"It is estimated that there are over 143 million orphans in the world today, and millions of them are growing up on the streets or in institutions that lack the resources to provide the love and care that every child deserves. I have seen this problem first-hand in my travels to the continent of Africa. Unfortunately, many nations lack the number of willing and able adults to adopt and care for these children. It is vitally important that adults from outside nations be allowed to take action to address this problem. I want to work to make it easier for American families to adopt, and easier for orphaned children to be adopted."

Senator Jim Inhofe



Adoption (continued)

- Additional adoption legislation co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe
 - S. 1376, to restore immunization and sibling age exemptions for children adopted by United States citizens under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to allow their admission to the United States. The legislation allows U.S. parents adopting a foreign born child to bring to U.S. for immunizations and allows U.S. parents to adopt multiple children who are siblings even if one of the children is between 16 and 18.
- Government of Romania
 - Senator Inhofe wrote a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on March 17, 2009 urging her to increase the dialogue with the Government of Romania and advocate for the reopening of inter-country adoption there.



Agriculture

Oklahoma's Farmers and Ranchers

- Recognizing that agriculture is vital to our state's economy, Senator Inhofe is committed to addressing the needs of Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers. Whether it's leading the fight to lower the cost of fuel and feed or providing federal assistance for severe weather, he has worked tirelessly in Washington, D.C. to represent those back home in Oklahoma's agriculture industry.

Transportation for Truckers

- To address a problem faced by a number of farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma and around the country, Senator Inhofe re-introduced common sense bipartisan legislation, S. 639, with Senators Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Tom Coburn (R-Okla.). The legislation allows trucks to cross state lines with higher weight limits than the federal standard (10,001 pounds) without violation and fines and prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation from withholding federal funding from states wanting to increase weight limits. This is a priority issue for Oklahoma and American Farm Bureaus.

 As a part of funding issued for agriculture research in Oklahoma, Senator Inhofe has secured the following that was made Public Law 111-80 on October 21, 2009:

- \$209,000 through NIFA/Extension for Pilot technology transfer, Mississippi State University, Oklahoma State University Inhofe, Cochran, and Wicker. (Enacted \$209,000)
- \$839,000 through NIFA/SRG for Biomass-based energy research, Oklahoma State University Mississippi State University, Inhofe, Cochran, and Wicker. (Enacted \$839,000)
- \$274,000 for OSU Animal Waste Management Research
- \$223,000 for OSU Expanded Wheat Pasture Research
- \$382,000 for OSU Food Safety Research
- \$177,000 for OSU Integrated Production Systems
- \$174,000 for OSU Preservation and Processing Research
- \$1,332,000 for Red River Basin Chloride Control (Public Law 111-85 on October 28, 2009)



Senator Inhofe and Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Tyler Norvell with the "Don't Cap Our Future" cap.

What Others Are Saying

"We want to thank Senator Inhofe for his stance for Oklahoma agriculture and his continued effort to maximize local control and protect private property rights."

Terry Detrick
President of American Farmers and Ranchers

"Sen. Inhofe has been and continues to be a strong, effective advocate for the farmers and ranchers of Oklahoma. We commend Sen. Inhofe for his commitment and support of the state's agriculture community."

Mike Spradling
President of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau



Commerce

Lake Texoma

Current federal statute grants the Coast Guard jurisdiction on Lake Texoma because of its location between two states. For the past fifteen years the Coast Guard has not enforced licensing requirements for operators of small passenger vessels used for commercial fishing expeditions on Lake Texoma, but in 2009 the Coast Guard stated their plans to begin exercising this authority there. After discussing this issue repeatedly with those who will most be affected by the change in authority, Senator Inhofe believes the states of Oklahoma and Texas are better suited to conduct this type of enforcement. He has worked with the Oklahoma congressional delegation to require that the Coast Guard cede this authority to the states.

- Senator Inhofe sent a letter to Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Admiral Thad Allen, co-signed by Congressman Boren and sent on June 4, 2009 highlighting repeated miscommunication from the Coast Guard and requesting information on their jurisdiction over Lake Texoma.
- He also introduced S.1205, a bill to exempt guides for hire and other operators of uninspected vessels on Lake Texoma from Coast Guard and other regulations. Congressman Boren introduced similar legislation in the House, H.R.2717. Boren also placed language providing for delegation for small vessels in H.R.3619, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 which passed the House Oct 23, 2009.

What Others Are Saying

“I am proud to join Senator Inhofe..in this effort. It is critical that we provide for everyone’s safety on the lake, while also allowing the local fishing guides and small vessel operators an opportunity to conduct their business.”

Congressman Dan Boren (D-OK-02)

Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc.

- Senator Inhofe secured \$200,000 for Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc, for a Women and Veteran’s Business Resource Center at Seminole State College, Durant, OK. (Enacted 12/16 – P.L. 111-117)

Consumer Product Safety Act

- To provide regulatory relief to small and family-owned businesses, on February 11, 2009, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored S374, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act. The Consumer Product Safety Act overwhelmingly passed the 110th Congress, yet there were many unintended consequences that S. 374 seeks to address.

Empowerment Zone

- Senator Inhofe cosponsored the Empowerment Zone, Renewal Community and Enterprise Community Enhancement Act of 2009, S. 1222, to extend Empowerment Zone designation through 2015.



Commerce (continued)

Aviation

- Senator Inhofe is a pilot with over 10,000 flight hours and because of his passion for aviation, in September of 2009, he joined the newly-formed Senate General Aviation Caucus. The caucus, co-chaired by U.S. Sens. Mark Begich (D-Alaska) and Sen. Mike Johanns (R-Neb.) is designed to better coordinate and highlight the priorities of the aviation community.
- Senator Inhofe also sent a letter to Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell with 34 cosigners on November 5, 2009 requesting consideration and passage of S.1451, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2009.



Filming on Public Lands

- Senator Inhofe introduced S. 1241 to amend Public Law 106-206 to lessen the burdens for small commercial filming on public lands. Specifically, this legislation provides special permitting to small film crews, defined in the bill as five persons or fewer, to pay a reasonable annual fee to film on public lands.

Patent Reform Act of 2009

- Senator Inhofe sent a letter to Senate Minority Leader McConnell with 11 cosigners on October 15, 2009 requesting significant changes to S. 515, the Patent Reform Act of 2009, before the bill is brought to the floor for consideration. He also sent a letter to President Obama with 41 cosigners on November 2, 2009 expressing opposition to any weakening of intellectual property rights in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations.

Network Neutrality

- Senator Inhofe sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Genachowski with 16 cosigners on October 7, 2009, expressing opposition to network neutrality regulations.

Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act

- In the wake of the auto bailout, which he adamantly opposed, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009, S. 1304, to require Chrysler and GM to honor contracts with their dealers.

Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program

- Senator Inhofe also sent a letter to his Senate colleagues requesting full funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program through CJS Appropriations.



Commerce (continued)

Fairness Doctrine

- Senator Inhofe has stood firm in his opposition to the fairness doctrine. He adamantly opposed any attempt aimed at regulating the airways, such as broadcast localism, more stringent licensing requirements, and vague diversity regulations aimed at an industry whose authorizing authority is the First Amendment of the Constitution. Accordingly, he introduced the Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009, S. 62, on January 6, 2009 and co-sponsored Senator DeMint's Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009, S. 34, both of which prohibit the FCC from re-imposing the Fairness Doctrine. He also co-sponsored S. Amdt. 573 to S. 160, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009, legislation which prevents the FCC from re-promulgating the Fairness Doctrine. The amendment passed in the Senate by a vote of 87 to 11. Additionally Senator Inhofe co-sponsored S. Amdt. 662 to H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, prohibiting the use of funds by the FCC to re-promulgate the Fairness Doctrine. The amendment failed by a vote of 47 to 50.

“The Fairness Doctrine represents a serious threat to free speech and muzzles the expression of opinion. It is a dangerous maneuver to enact more government ‘policing’ on our airwaves. Now, with Democrats in the control of the House, Senate, and White House, the threat of its reenactment is more real than ever.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

Local Radio Freedom Act

- On October 8, 2009, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored strongly bipartisan S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act and declaring that Congress should not impose any new performance fee or tax relating to the public performance of sound recordings on a local radio stations for broadcasting sound recordings over-the-air.



Education

Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success

- To address some issues states were facing with No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success Act (APLUS), S. 1351. The legislation would give states the option to consolidate federal education programs and funding and redirect resources toward state-directed education reform initiatives.

“I am a strong supporter of quality education. My views on education in America come from a somewhat unique perspective in that my wife, Kay, was a teacher at Edison High School in Tulsa for many years, and both of my daughters became teachers as well.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

Servicemember Student Loan Interest Relief Act

- Additionally, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Servicemember Student Loan Interest Relief Act, S. 1775, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide that interest shall not accrue on federal Direct Loans for members of the Armed Forces on active duty regardless of the date of disbursement.

Funding Oklahoma Education

- Recognizing the importance and value of a good education, Senator Inhofe has long been a supporter of spending money wisely on the programs that support quality results, parental involvement, strong local control and high academic expectations. Accordingly, this past year, he secured the following funding for Oklahoma education:
- \$1,000,000 Carbon Nanotube Technology Center (CANTEC), University of Oklahoma
- \$250,000 for Oklahoma City Community College for facilities and equipment through HRSA
- \$350,000 for Oklahoma State University for facilities and equipment through HRSA



Senator Inhofe visits with a classroom of children at East Side Academy in Clinton, Oklahoma.



Energy

Senator Inhofe strongly believes in a national energy policy that incorporates an “all of the above” strategy to achieve energy independence. Such a strategy relies upon all energy sources such as nuclear, clean coal, renewables, and oil and gas to meet our nation’s energy needs. Below are some of Senator Inhofe’s legislative efforts to achieve energy independence.

Fueling America Act of 2009

- S. 1350 extended current personal and other tax credits for bi-fuel vehicles, natural gas home and filling station use, and natural gas conversions. This bill was introduced on June 25, 2009 with Senator Pryor (D-Ark.)

Streamline Vehicle Conversions Act

- S. 1809 streamlined EPA’s emission certifications for converting vehicles to natural gas. This bill was introduced on October 20, 2009, with both Senator Coburn (R-Okla.) and Senator Wicker (R- Miss.). An identical measure introduced in the House by Rep. Boren (D-Okla.-02) and Rep. Shuler (D-N.C.-11)

Marginal Well Production Preservation and Enhancement Act

- The Marginal Well Production Preservation and Enhancement Act would streamline and clarify government regulations, prolong economic feasibility, and enhance production volumes from the nation’s 719,000 marginal wells. This bill was introduced on January 21, 2009 as S.268 and H.R. 611 with Rep. Boren (D-Okla.-02)

Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

- Repeal of Section 526— The 2007 energy bill (Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007), Section 526 prohibited the Department of Defense from purchasing fuel from the Canadian Tar Sands where there is an estimated 180 billion barrels of oil. Legislation simply repeals this prohibition on DOD procurement. This was introduced on January 21, 2009 as S. 290 with Sen. Coburn (R-Okla.)
- FY10 National Defense Authorization Act Managers States, “The conferees note that section 526 was not intended to preclude the DOD from purchasing the fuel that it needs for national defense...The conferees believe that clarification would be helpful and that such clarification should take lace in the context of pending energy or climate change legislation.”

Domestic Manufacturing Deduction

- Section 199 Domestic Manufacturing Deduction legislation—Congress needs to restore the tax benefit for oil and gas companies to phase in deducting gross income up to 9%. Presently, oil and gas companies are frozen at 6% instead of the full 9% other manufacturing sectors will enjoy by 2010. Domestic oil and gas companies can use this funding to hire more employees and increase production for energy independence. This bill was introduced on January 21, 2008 as S. 287. Later, S. Amdt. 188 to H.R. 1 (stimulus) to accelerate the phase-in of section 199 deduction and repeal the freeze of the deduction for oil and gas companies in the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008.



Senator Inhofe at one of many public events promoting legislation that would make the U.S. energy independent.

What Others are Saying

“I commend Senators Wicker and Inhofe and Congressmen Shuler and Boren for introducing legislation that will simplify and streamline the EPA certification and compliance process so that converting vehicles to run on alternative fuels like natural gas can be a realistic option for all Americans. Last summer, when gasoline cost over \$4 per gallon, Senator Inhofe was the first in Congress to introduce legislation promoting the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel.”

T. Boone Pickens



Energy (continued)

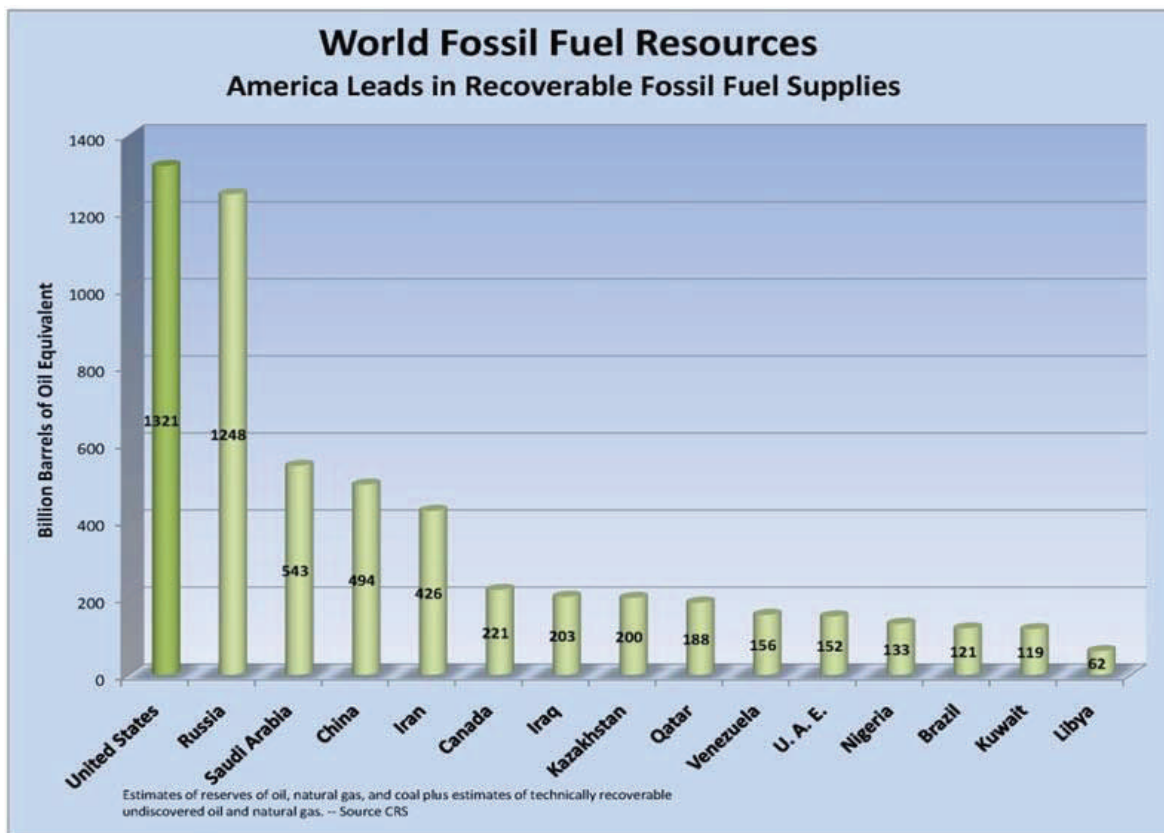
Permanently Extend Marginal Wells Tax Benefit was introduced on January 1, 2008, as S. 289 with Senator Coburn (R-Okla.) and H.R. 617 with Rep Boren (D-Okla.-02)

Energy Letters Senator Inhofe sent to:

- Letter to the President along with 26 other Senators Republican and Democratic, December 23, 2009 seeking clarification on EPA coal ash rules.

Reports

- Report: Senator Inhofe joined Senator Bond, Ranking Member on the Green Jobs and New Economy Subcommittee April 27, 2009, to announce a report highlighting the poor performance of taxpayer-funded green jobs programs. The report details a number of misconceptions and exaggerations propagated by green job advocates. In fact, many so-called green jobs pay lower wages, require expensive taxpayer subsidies, and often are created at the expensive of well-paying manufacturing jobs.
- Senator Inhofe along with Senator Murkowski October 23, 2009 released a Congressional Research Service report showing the U.S. is the world leader in conventional fuels. America's combined recoverable natural gas, oil, and coal endowment is the largest on Earth.





Government Affairs

Government Affairs legislation co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe:

- The Enumerated Powers Act, S. 1319, requiring Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws. The Voter Fraud Prevention Act, S. 1103, establishing standards for the distribution of voter registration application forms and to require organizations to register with the State prior to the distribution of such forms.
- S.J. Res. 15, proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.
- The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2009, S. 599, creating a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of the employee's duties.

Investigating ACORN

- Following the released videos showing ACORN involved in illegal activity and the many reports of the organization's voters fraud, Senator Inhofe took action by co-sponsoring the Protect Taxpayers From ACORN Act, S. 1687, prohibiting the federal government from awarding contracts or grants or providing any other federal funds to or engaging in activities that promote ACORN. He also co-sponsored S. Amdt. 2394 to H.R. 2996, prohibiting the use of funds in FY 2010 Interior Appropriations Act (H.R. 2996) to fund ACORN and S. Amdt. 2484 to H.R. 3326, prohibiting the use of funds in the Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 3326) to fund ACORN. Both Amendments passed the Senate.

“The recently released videos of ACORN conducting illegal activities are disturbing to say the least. Americans deserve to know the complete story of what this organization has done with taxpayer dollars. Fully investigating ACORN and those connected to ACORN is the only way to determine the scale of this problem.”

Senator Jim Inhofe



Healthcare

Senator Inhofe joined Senate Republicans in fighting President Obama's government takeover of our healthcare system. Senator Inhofe believes reforms are needed, but not socialized medicine. Below are some of Senator Inhofe's efforts to provide better care for the people of Oklahoma and the nation.

Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH)

- Senator Inhofe is leading a bipartisan effort with Senator Bingaman (D-NM) requesting needed reform for DSH that would increase funding for states like Oklahoma which currently receive low reimbursements. DSH hospitals provide critical health care services. Many times, these services are provided to the poor and uninsured.

“These rural hospitals provide access to medical care for rural communities’ sick, elderly, and low-income population... These hospitals are the largest employers in a vast majority of rural communities. Therefore, in the midst of this economic crisis, we must not neglect the serious threat that closing these hospitals would pose to their local economies.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

Critical Access Flexibility Act

- Over the course of the debate on health care reform this past year, Senator Inhofe spoke with many constituents who expressed their concerns about a major issue affecting Oklahomans: access to quality health care for those living in rural communities.
- Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Critical Access Flexibility Act, S.1171, to restore State authority to waive the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals (CAH) under the Medicare Program. Rural hospitals in Oklahoma would like the state to decide if a hospital should receive CAH status. A rural hospital in Pawnee closed last year partly due to their CAH status being revoked. Twelve rural communities in Oklahoma would benefit if the state could designate hospitals in this way.

Healthcare legislation introduced by Senator Inhofe:

- S. Amdt. 3053 to H.R. 3590, the massive new Obama Healthcare bill, to exclude assistive devices for people with disabilities from the annual fee imposed on medical device manufacturers.

Health Care Funding

- Senator Inhofe secured the following funding for investments in Oklahoma Medical Facilities and Research which was enacted into Public Law 111-117 on December 16, 2009:
- \$1,915,000 for Norman Regional Health System
- \$500,000 for Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

Healthcare priorities for Senator Inhofe

- The Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2009 (I-ACT), S. 1674, to allow patients to participate in clinical trials even with payment and it not be held against them continuing to receive federal health benefits.
- S. Amdt. 601 to H.R. 1105 (Omnibus appropriations) to ensure none of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be made available to Planned Parenthood for any purpose under title X of the Public Health Service Act.
- The Life at Conception Act, S. 346, guarantees 14th amendment due process to unborn.
- The Human-Animal Hybrid Prohibition Act of 2009, S. 1435, prohibits and sets penalties for creating or attempting to create a human-animal hybrid.



Healthcare (continued)

Healthcare priorities for Senator Inhofe (continued)

- The Title X Family Planning Act, S.85, prohibits federal family planning funds from being awarded to any grantees who perform abortions or whose subgrantees perform abortions (except where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.)
- S. Amdt. 828 to S. Con. Res. 13 (FY2010 budget resolution) to protect the freedom of conscience for patients and the right of health care providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions.
- S. Amdt. 80 to H.R. 2 (SCHIP) to codify regulations specifying that an unborn child is eligible for child health assistance.
- The Patients' Choice Act, S. 1099, strengthens relationships between patients and physicians; use choice and competition rather than rationing and restrictions to contain costs; and ensure that affordable health care is available for all Americans without interference from the Federal Government.
- S. Amdt. 2927 to H.R. 3590, to limit the amount of contingency fees in medical liability actions to no more than a third of the first \$150,000 recovered and a quarter of any recovery in excess of \$150,000.
- S. Amdt 2962 to H.R. 3590, to prohibit federal funds from paying for abortion services.
- S. Amdt. 3079 for H.R. 3590 to strike the prohibition on reimbursements for over-the-counter drugs for FSAs, MSAs, and HSAs.
- The Craig Thomas Rural Health Legislation, S. 1157, ensures that rural areas receive better health care services and improved medical technology uniquely suited for rural health care delivery.
- The Health Care Freedom Act, S. 1324, allows a tax credit for qualified health insurance costs and HSAs and MSAs to be used to purchase a high deductible health plan. It also addressed medical malpractice reform and allows individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines.
- The Medical Care Access Protection Act of 2009 (MCAP Act), S. 45, a comprehensive medical malpractice bill addressing time limits on filing claims and limits on non-economic damages.
- SCHIP– Kids First Act, S. 326, the Republican alternative to SCHIP reauthorization.



Senator Inhofe in his Washington DC office with members of the Medical Community.



Healthcare (continued)

Healthcare priorities for Senator Inhofe (continued)

- S. Amdt. 40, the Republican alternative to SCHIP reauthorization. The Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act, S. 491, allows federal civilian and military retirees to pay FEHBP and TRICARE premiums pretax and provides a tax deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums or enrollment fees.
- The Medicare Long-Term Care Hospital Improvement Act of 2009, S. 935, delays implementation of the 25% patient threshold payment adjustment to freestanding and grandfathered long-term care hospitals and any payment adjustment to any applicable Long Term Care Hospitals or satellite facility located in a rural area to protect patient access to LTCHs and provide Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with additional time to create better defined Federal standards. LTCHs provide care to Medicare patients staying 25 days or longer.
- S. Res. 307, to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate. Senator Inhofe also co-sponsored S. 1772 with the same language as S. Res. 307.

Legislation Passed

The Annual Celiac Day Resolution, S.Res.259, a resolution designating September 13, 2009, as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day." The resolution passed the Senate by unanimous consent on Sept. 10, 2009.

Senator Inhofe wrote or signed on to several letters in regards to health care including letters to:

- President Obama on March 10, 2009 to protect the freedom of conscience for patients and the right of health care providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions.
- Majority Leader Harry Reid on December 2, 2009 to prevent abortion funding provisions in the remaining appropriations bills (Financial Services and State/Foreign Ops).



Senator Inhofe speaks with an Oklahoma physician.

- President Obama on March 10, 2009 to protect the freedom of conscience for patients and the right of health care providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions.
- Appropriations Committee Chairman and Ranking member on March 2, 2009 requesting the inclusion of pro-life riders in appropriations bills barring the use of federal funding for abortions.



Healthcare (continued)

■ Senator Inhofe's Health Care Letters (continued)

- President Obama on March 10, 2009 expressing grave concern with the Department of Health and Human Services' proposal to rescind a rule clarifying conscience protections for Americans serving in health care.
- Comptroller General Gene DoDaro on April 3, 2009 requesting information regarding federal funding for Planned Parenthood and other organizations.
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration Acting Commissioner Joshua Sharfstein on May 11, 2009 expressing concern with the FDA's approval of over-the-counter sales of the morning-after pill Plan B to minors.
- Chairman and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government on June 4, 2009 asking for their support in maintaining the ban on the use of congressional appropriated funds to finance or administer abortions services in the District of Columbia.
- Senators Conrad and Gregg on March 23, 2009 expressing concern with the President's Budget proposal to eliminate the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL).
- United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) on April 24, 2009 from the Oklahoma Delegation regarding the regional liver allocation system.
- Leadership in the House and in the Senate on June 4, 2009 asking for an increase in Disproportionate Share Hospital funding to be included in health care reform legislation.
- Secretary Sebelius on June 25, 2009 from the Oklahoma Delegation for St. Anthony regarding DSH funding for behavioral medicine services.
- Senators Harkin (D-Iowa) and Cochran (R-Miss.), the Chairman and Ranking Member on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, asking for funding to conquer childhood cancer through Labor/HHS/Ed Appropriations.
- Majority Leader Harry Reid on January 7, 2010 requesting increased transparency in conference negotiations for health care reform.
- Senator Arlen Specter (D-Pa.), former ranking member on the appropriations subcommittee on labor, health and human services, asking for funding for abstinence education through Labor/HHS/Ed Appropriations.

“The DSH program is critically important in supporting Oklahoma’s safety net hospitals that care for a disproportional share of patients without insurance. We are very appreciative of the Oklahoma delegation’s leadership in this effort as well as support from the other states facing similar crises.”

Senator Jim Inhofe



Homeland Security & Emergency Response



Federal Emergency Management Advance Act

- Senator Inhofe introduced the Federal Emergency Management Advancement Act, S. 412, which removes FEMA from under the authority of the Department of Homeland security (DHS) and gives deference to state governments in determining disaster incident periods.



Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Senator Inhofe sent two letters to FEMA Acting Administrator Nancy Ward to secure disaster funds from FEMA to assist both Altus and Chickasha, Oklahoma. The first was sent on March 16, 2009 requesting that FEMA use pre-mitigation disaster funds to aid in the construction of an emergency shelter in Altus. And the second was sent on March 17, 2009 requesting that FEMA use pre-mitigation disaster funds to improve the drainage infrastructure system of the city of Chickasha.



Letter Sent to Department of Homeland Security:

- Joined six colleagues to send a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on April 16, 2009 criticizing the DHS report entitled Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Refueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment.



Immigration

■ National Language Act of 2009

- On May 6, 2009, Senator Inhofe introduced both the National Language Act of 2009, S. 992, and the English Language Unity Act of 2009, S. 991. The second piece of legislation incorporates all the ideas of the National Language Act, and requires the establishment of a uniform language requirement for naturalization and sets the framework for uniform testing of English language ability for candidates for naturalization.

■ Additional Immigration legislation co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe:

- S. 84, allowing a bank to accept only a social security number, passport, or alien ID card when opening a bank account and prohibits accepting ID from a foreign government. This legislation is to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks.
- S. 95, prohibiting COPS funds (Community Oriented Policing Services Program) for sanctuary cities (cities which impose policies of not asking for immigration status when making arrests)
- Fairness in Representation Act, S. 1688, requiring that the decennial census questionnaires include a checkbox or other similar option for respondents to indicate citizenship status or lawful presence in the United States.
- S. Amdt. 2644, prohibiting any funds in the FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act (H.R. 2847) from being used for the collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of United States citizenship.

■ Senator Inhofe wrote or joined several Senate letters in regards to Immigration including:

- Senator Inhofe wrote a letter to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Staff Director Martin Dannenfelser on April 20, 2009 expressing opposition to any interpretation of federal law that would define “national origin” to include language, noting that legislative history and court ruling do not support a language-based definition of national origin, and there is no federal entitlement for individuals to receive material and services in foreign languages.
- Senator Inhofe also wrote a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano with 11 cosigners on November 20, 2009 expressing concern over Napolitano’s comments on comprehensive immigration reform and implementing a legalization program.

“I want to empower new immigrants coming to our nation by helping them understand and become successful in their new home. I believe that one of the most important ways immigrants can achieve success is by learning English.”

Senator Jim Inhofe



Judiciary and Law Enforcement

Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act of 2009

- Methamphetamine continues to be a problem for Oklahoma with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse reporting methamphetamine use in Oklahoma 42% higher than the national average. Accordingly, Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act of 2009, S.256, which requires retailers of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine products to self-certify that they have trained their personnel and agree to comply with the Combat Methamphetamine Act of 2006 tightening enforcement of that law and requires distributors of these products to sell only to retailers who are either DEA-registered to sell controlled substances or who have filed self-certifications with the DEA. This is legislation similar to Oklahoma law which the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics reports that tougher state laws have decreased methamphetamine labs in Oklahoma by 95% since 2004.

Tribal Law

- Senator Inhofe included language in the Tribal Law and Order Act, S.797, which will ensure that East Central University in Ada will continue to be permitted to train Office of Justice Services and Indian tribe law enforcement personnel.

Senator Inhofe secured the following funding for Oklahoma Law enforcement, which was enacted into Public Law 111-117 on December 16, 2009:

- \$250,000 for Norman Public Safety Networking Initiative
- \$700,000 for Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
- \$900,000 for Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Statewide Public Safety Communications System
- \$200,000 for Tulsa Law Enforcement Interoperability/Regional Expansion Project
- \$700,000 for Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for Oklahoma Participation in the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance
- \$300,000 for Tulsa Public Schools Campus Police Force
- \$300,000 for UCO/State of Oklahoma Forensic Laboratory Program

Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the following legislation in an effort to protect our Second Amendment rights:

- Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2009, S. 371, to provide reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms in different states by persons who are not prohibited by federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping or receiving a firearm and who are carrying a valid state license or permit for carrying a concealed firearm or otherwise entitled to carry a concealed firearm in their state of residence.
- Hunting Heritage Protect Act, S. 1348, recognizing the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.



Judiciary and Law Enforcement (continued)

“I have tenaciously fought against anti-gun groups since my first days in Congress, and will continue in this next stage of the battle over the interpretation of the Second Amendment. As always, I will work to protect our Second Amendment right and strenuously oppose unnecessary and unconstitutional federal restrictions on guns.”

Senator Jim Inhofe

Senator Inhofe co-sponsored legislation to protect our Second Amendment rights continued:

- S. Amdt. 1618 to S. 1390, allowing citizens who have concealed carry permits from the state in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another state that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the state.
- S. Amdt. 575 to S. 160, restoring Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Reform and Firearms Modernization Act of 2009, S. 941, to revise the civil penalties for violations of firearms law and the

Additional Judiciary and Law Enforcement legislation co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe:

- The A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act, S.1301, to provide Department of Justice grants to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in recovering missing children.
- S.J.Res.16, proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution relative to parental rights, stating that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right.
- S. 1727, the Circuit Court of Appeals Restructuring and Modernization Act of 2009, providing for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges and dividing the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States to 2 circuits.
- S.Res.112, a resolution designating February 8, 2010, as "Boy Scouts of America Day," in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest youth scouting organization in the United States. The resolution passed the Senate by unanimous consent.
- S.832, A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America.

Funding for Public Safety:

- In legislation enacted into Public Law 111-117 on December 16, 2009, Senator Inhofe secured the following funding for public safety.
- \$100,000 for Tulsa Fire Department
- \$2,000,000 for University of Oklahoma Phased Array Radar for early tornado and threatening weather detection.



Judiciary and Law Enforcement (continued)

■ Senator Inhofe wrote or joined several Senate letters in regards to Judiciary and Law Enforcement including:

- Senator Inhofe also wrote a letter to conferees of H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 with 9 co-signers on February 11, 2009 requesting the conferees recede to the Senate position and remove language that would have discriminated against students of faith.
- He wrote a letter to President Obama with 40 co-signers on March 2, 2009 making suggestions for the improvement of the judicial nomination process.
- Senator Inhofe also wrote a letter to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar with 17 cosigners on April 24, 2009 expressing continued support for the Department of Interior's final rule regarding the transportation and carriage of firearms on lands managed by the National Park Service and Wildlife Service.



Labor

“The current secret-ballot system is the only way to protect all workers’ freedoms by providing a level playing field for workers seeking to unionize as well as those opposed to unionization. Secret ballots ensure that workers can decide to join or not to join a union privately and free from coercion”

Senator Jim Inhofe



Secret Ballot Protect Act

- Senator Inhofe co-sponsored an alternative to card check legislation, the Secret ballot Protection Act, S. 478 which ensures that a secret ballot election is held each time a union organizer wishes to unionize a workplace.



Taxes and Government Spending

Extending the Indian Lands Depreciation Tax Benefit

- Senator Inhofe introduced legislation to Permanently Extend the Indian Lands Depreciation Tax Benefit, S. 288, with Senator Coburn. While Congressmen Boren and Sullivan introduced similar legislation, H.R. 474 in the House.



Senator Inhofe receives the National Taxpayers Union "Friend of the Taxpayer Award".

Federal Budget Deficit

- From the onset, Senator Inhofe has been an outspoken critic of the \$700 billion bailout. He has worked adamantly to prevent the releasing of these massive funds that only put our country further in debt. He introduced S. 64, to require a vote of Congress prior to releasing the second installment of the bailout funds. He also cosponsored S.J. Res. 5, the disapproval resolution pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. Additionally, Senator Inhofe cosponsored S. 862, the Debt Reduction Priority Act, to create a special trust for recovered TARP funds for deficit reduction.

What Others Are Saying

"Senator Inhofe has led by example in the fight to defend overburdened taxpayers across the country. If every Member of Congress were as principled as Senator Inhofe, current and future generations of Americans could enjoy much lower taxes and a less wasteful government. Hard-working families in Oklahoma and across the nation owe Senator Inhofe a debt of gratitude for his effort on their behalf."

Duane Parde
National Taxpayers Union President



Taxes and Government Spending (continued)

Helms-Biden Reauthorization Act

- Senator Inhofe introduced the Helms-Biden Reauthorization Act, S. Amdt. 613, to amend the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill to provide that no funds may be made available to make any assessed contribution or voluntary payment of the United Nations if the United Nations implements or imposes any taxation on an United States person.

Additional tax and financial legislation co-sponsored by Senator Inhofe:

- S. 154, to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling (in addition to static economic modeling) in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law. This change would take into account the positive budgetary effects of tax cuts.
- The Withholding Tax Relief Act of 2009, S.292, to repeal the imposition of withholding 3% on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.
- The Net Operating Loss (NOL) Carryback Act, S.823, to allow a five-year carry back of net operating losses incurred in 2008 and 2009.
- S.567, legislation to repeal the 2011 sunset on the 2003 tax rate cuts on capital gains and dividends. In response to President Obama's budget request, which would allow the rates for those in the upper brackets to go back up to 20% in 2011, Senator Inhofe cosponsored this bill to make permanent the lower rates for all taxpayers.
- The Modernize Our Bookkeeping In the Law for Employee's (MOBILE) Cell Phone Act of 2009, S.144, which updates the tax treatment of cell phones and mobile communication devices by repealing the requirement that employers maintain overly burdensome, detailed usage logs.
- S.461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.
- The Federal Reserve Sunshine Act of 2009, S.604, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported.
- Consumer Rental-Purchase Agreement Act of 2009, S.738, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

"No doubt, the massive spending spree underway in Washington will continue. Already we have witnessed unprecedented spending - even by Washington standards - over the past year as we have passed multi-billion dollar bailout and stimulus bills with little to show for it. Already there are still promises of more massive bailouts on the way. Sadly, the cost of all of this spending will be dumped into the laps of our children and grandchildren."

Senator Jim Inhofe



Veterans & Military Families

Veterans Legislation

- Senator Inhofe has worked to repeal the unfair offsets between VA survivor benefits from military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities and Disability Indemnity Compensation (DIC). He co-sponsored S. 535, a bill to eliminate the offset between SBP and DIC. The legislation has 9 bipartisan cosponsors. He also co-sponsored S.Amdt.1515 to S.1390 to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation. The legislation passed by a voice vote on July 21, 2009.
- Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act, S.669, on March 23, 2009 to require official judicial court action before anyone or any veteran is determined mentally incapable of owning a firearm.
- Inhofe co-sponsored the Veteran's Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009, S. 423, which requires starting with FY11, a two-fiscal-year new discretionary budget authority for three VA accounts (1) Medical Services; (2) Medical Support and Compliance; and (3) Medical Facilities, and requires a General Accounting Office (GAO) study on what the VA needs to provide health benefits.
- Senator Inhofe also co-sponsored the Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009, S. 252, to make comprehensive treatment modernization at the VA.

"I am committed to providing our service members, our veterans, and their families with the resources they need. Because of all those who have served and are serving, our freedoms have been preserved. We, as a nation, cannot do enough to thank those who, in being willing to lay down their life for freedom's cause, have demonstrated the truest devotion to this nation and their fellow Americans."

Senator Jim Inhofe

Legislation Passed

Senator Inhofe authored and introduced S.Amdt.742 to S.Con.Res.13, the Budget Resolution for FY10, which provides for advance appropriations for medical care for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Medical Services, Medical Administration, Medical Facilities, and Medical and Prosthetic Research accounts of the Veterans Health Administration. The provision ensures a timely and predictable funding flow from fiscal year to fiscal year resulting in better care for our veterans and wounded warriors. The legislation passed April 29, 2009 and because of Senator Inhofe's amendment, of the \$109 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs health and benefit programs, \$48.2 billion is available for FY11 advanced appropriations for the continuity of medical services and support of VA programs for veterans regardless of when appropriations is enacted for FY11. The legislation became Public Law 111-117 on December 16, 2009.



Veterans & Military Families (continued)

Legislation Passed

Senator Inhofe co-sponsored S.Res. 336, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November 2009 as “National Military Family Month.” The legislation passed the Senate of November 4, 2009.

Military Spouses Residency Relief Act

- Senator Inhofe has long worked to support the families of our service members. To that end, he co-sponsored the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act, S.475, on February 25, 2009 to prohibit a military spouse from losing domicile for voting or taxation due to following their spouse serving in the military.
- Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act of 2009, S.644, on March 19, 2009 to allow back dating to Sept 11, 2001 for reserve eligibility for early receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund

- Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009, S. 663, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act

- Senator Inhofe co-sponsored the Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act of 2009. S.883, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an Individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. The commemorative coin will honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, while promoting awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents.



Senator Inhofe with Oklahoma Veterans.

Congressional Gold Medal

- Senator Inhofe also co-sponsored S.1055, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

What Others Are Saying

“Fortunately for wounded veterans, Sen. Jim Inhofe believes more can and must be done to improve the quality of prosthetic technologies and rehabilitation services, and to make sure those cutting-edge technologies leave the testing laboratory and improve lives.”

Maj. Edward Pulido, Folds of Honor Foundation



Media Matters



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AWARDS

- Family Research Council Action and Focus Action, **“True Blue Award”**
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau, **“Golden Plow Award”**
- National Taxpayer’s Union, **“Taxpayer Friend Award”**
- The Club for Growth, **“Defender of Economic Freedom Award”**
- Associated Builders and Contractors, **“Eagle Freedom Award”**
- Citizens Against Government Waste, **“Taxpayer Hero Award”**

Outreach—Senator Inhofe has utilized many new media avenues in 2009 to better communicate to and with his constituents.

- *Newsletters:* Senator Inhofe launched a new e-newsletter that provides readers ways to interact and provide feedback. Additionally, he has launched a quarterly print newsletter that will be offered to constituents visiting his offices in Oklahoma and Washington, D.C.
- *YouTube:* In many circumstances, an issue will come up in which Senator Inhofe prefers to speak directly to his constituents rather than through a written press release. YouTube offers the unique opportunity for Senator Inhofe to speak directly and off the cuff to his constituents in situations where he is unable to visit with them in person.
- *Facebook:* Senator Inhofe launched a new Facebook page in 2009 which provides the opportunity for members of the Facebook community to view press releases, videos, and update all in one arena. Currently, Senator Inhofe has 2,214 fans on his Facebook page.
- *Twitter:* Senator Inhofe created a Twitter page in 2009 that includes links to press releases, OpEds, and notices for the Senator’s future public appearances on television and radio. This year he tweeted 879 messages and has 2,141 followers.

YouTube

Subscribers: 734

Channel Views: 31,768

Total Upload Views: 727,007



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Op-Eds

- **The Oklahoman:** Law Need to Focus on Neediest Children, February 1, 2009. “Last week, the U.S. Senate passed legislation to reauthorize current law that provides health care to children from families with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$44,000 for a family of four in 2009). Unfortunately, the bill that passed the Senate has veered beyond the original intent of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Originally signed into law in 1997, SCHIP enjoys tremendous success and I believe the program must be reauthorized, but we need to do so responsibly...”
- **Human Events:** Pork-Filled Stimulus Bill Fails to Tackle Real Energy Issues, February 2, 2009. “As Democrats in Congress cobble together an obscenely massive spending bill, tens of billions of these dollars are intended to be force fed into so-called green and renewable energy programs under the pretense of job creation. There are also hundreds of millions more being proposed for climate-change research under the dubious banner of stimulating the economy.”
- **The Hill Blog:** Don't Let Green Job Mandates Push Us into the Red, February 5, 2009. “With the backdrop of a severe recession, President Obama and Congressional Democrats are pitching the ideas that the regulation of greenhouse gases will result in a "green job" boom and have the desirable side-effect of cleaning up the environment. In short, limiting carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions will force Americans to turn to clean energy sources that will employ millions of people. Reality, however, suggests otherwise. In all likelihood, energy bills will rise, manufacturing costs will soar, and there will be an exodus of well-paying jobs...”
- **Tulsa World:** Stimulus bill lacks real stimulus, February 12, 2009. “This week I voted against a massive government-spending bill that provided plenty in the way of more wasteful government spending and little in the way of real stimulative opportunities like transportation and defense spending...”
- **Roll Call:** Environmental Review Process Can Stall Projects, February 23, 2009. “When President Dwight Eisenhower first conceived the interstate system more than 50 years ago, he envisioned a system to connect the nation and enhance national defense. The enormous economic benefits provided by the system were not fully understood for some time...”
- **The Hill Blog:** Localism is a Threat to Freedom of Speech, March 6, 2009. “Last week I joined 86 of my colleagues and passed Senate Amendment 573, offered by Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) to the District of Columbia Voting Rights Act, which prohibits the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from reinstating the fairness doctrine...”

By The Numbers

Floor Speeches: 96

YouTube Videos: 217

Twitter Followers: 2,141

Facebook Followers: 2,214

Radio and TV Interviews: 122

Students met with: 166

Newsletters Subscribers: 61,059



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Op-Eds (Continued)

- **Enid News and Eagle:** Tanker, Bomber needed, March 14, 2009. “The Air Force has been engaged in combat operations over the Balkans and in the Middle East since 1991. Last year it flew more than 18,000 tanker sorties, 49,000 airlift sorties and 37,000 ground attack sorties. Our Air Force is a combat-tested and proven force. Sadly, it also is operating the oldest fleet in its young but distinguished history...”
- **Claremore Daily Progress:** Enough AIG Blame to Go Around, March 18, 2009. “Like most Oklahomans, I was outraged to learn about the excessive bonuses for AIG executives while the company consumes \$180 billion of taxpayer dollars at the federal trough. But let’s be clear on where the outrage should be targeted – the 74 Senators, including now President Obama, who voted in favor of handing over an unprecedented amount of money and power to an unelected bureaucrat during last October’s \$700 billion bailout of Wall Street...”
- **The Hill Blog:** AIG Spending Must Be Reigned in With Caution, March 25, 2009. “Well, if you, like me, thought that things couldn’t get much worse than the trillion dollar bailout messes we’ve gotten into over the past few months, you were probably outraged upon learning the news about the taxpayer funded bonuses being given to AIG execs. The House passed a bill that would tax those bonuses at 90% to get the money back. The Senate may consider something similar this week, and I think it’s the Senate’s job to proceed carefully as we do so...”
- **The Oklahoman:** Congress Must Reject Energy Tax Increases, April 1, 2009. “As demonstrated by President Obama’s budget, the administration has launched an onslaught of unprecedented policies to restrict access to natural resources and increase taxes on America’s homegrown natural gas and oil industry.”
- **Tulsa World:** No Easy Answer to Nation’s Highway Needs, April 5, 2009. “One of the most pressing issues confronting Oklahoma and our nation today is the deplorable state of our transportation system. This year, however, Congress has the opportunity to address this challenge when it rewrites the multiyear highway bill. Through my leadership position on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, I will once again be a primary author of the bill and push it through Congress— as I did in 2005...”



Senator Inhofe is interviewed by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau’s Sam Knipp.



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Op-Eds (Continued)

- **The Hill Blog:** EPA Endangerment Finding Will Destroy Jobs, Harm Consumers, April 20, 2009. “Last Friday, the Environmental Protection Agency initiated what could indeed become a very dangerous regulatory process for this country. EPA proposed an “endangerment finding” that greenhouse gases threaten public health and welfare. This move by EPA will unleash a torrent of regulations that will destroy jobs, harm consumers, and extend the agency’s reach into every corner of American life. While such regulations will create another massive burden on the economy, there will be no positive effect on global climate change as a result...”
- **The Washington Times:** Inhofe Earth Day Challenge: Focus Scarce Resources on Achievable Environmental Solutions, April 22, 2009. “The greatest challenges confronting the environment on Earth Day 2009 largely will be ignored by many of the most outspoken green activists. Despite spending enormous sums of money on massive advertising campaigns promoting the false notion that man-made greenhouse gases threaten our very existence, the American public remains unconvinced that climate change is a pressing concern; indeed, the public rightly cares much more about clean water and clean air issues...”
- **The Washington Times:** Keep Detainees Where They Are, May 27, 2009. “Stay the course on closing the facilities. Less than 24 hours after the Senate overwhelmingly rejected the president’s request for funds to shut down Gitmo—mainly because the administration had no plan—Mr. Obama made clear he intends to continue down his chosen path...”
- **Enid News and Eagle:** Locals are best to negotiate Vance deal, June 11, 2009. “Vance Air Force Base and the Enid community have a unique relationship that is unlike any other in the nation. Both the community and the base play a vital role in each other’s continued success. Vance is a cornerstone of employment and stability, and the community of Enid provides unparalleled patriotism in its outstanding support for the base, the Air Force, and the men and women stationed at Vance...”
- **American Patriots Still Exist Today**, July 4, 2009. “It was 233 years ago that founder John Adams, speaking about the birth of our nation, predicted that the July anniversary would be “celebrated by succeeding generations” as a great festival that “ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty...”
- **USA Today:** Nation Needs More F-22s, July 17, 2009. “The United States’ ability to dominate the skies is critical to our national security. Producing more F-22s will ensure air dominance, keeping us ahead of Chinese and Russian military capabilities...”
- **Getting Health Care Reform Right**, August 11, 2009. “Many Oklahomans face a health care crisis. The question, as with many problems that face our nation, remains how to best address this crisis. While many factors contribute to the need for health care reform, Oklahoma faces two problems in particular. The first problem is the access to quality health care for those living in our rural communities. The second problem is the number of uninsured Oklahomans...”



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Op-Eds (Continued)

- **Washington Examiner:** Obama’s “You’re On Your Own” Foreign Policy, September 23, 2009. “When President George W. Bush was in the White House, U.S. foreign policy was widely criticized as arrogantly unilateral, and was branded by critics here and abroad as the “go it alone” approach to international relations...”
- **The Hill Blog:** Policy Change Wrongly Limits GITMO Transparency, October 6, 2009. “Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Gitmo) is a state-of-the-art prison that provides a safe, secure and humane location to hold detainees away from population centers. It provides the maximum security required to prevent escape, as well as multiple levels of confinement opportunities based on the compliance of the detainee. There has never been a documented case of torture at Gitmo, and even officials in the Obama administration who have visited the site give the prison a glowing report. The current treatment and oversight exceed those at any maximum-security prison in the world. There is no superior alternative to this prison for these individuals, and yet the President is obsessed with closing the facility...”
- **Despite Hardships, We Have Many Reasons to Give Thanks,** November 24, 2009. “The image most often invoked by Americans on Thanksgiving Day is that of the Plymouth Pilgrims. Those early settlers celebrated their new friendship with the Wampanoag people and gave thanks for the Hand of Providence supplying provisions to bring them through a harsh New England winter...”



Senator Inhofe in Copenhagen: “It Has Failed... It’s déjà vu All Over Again.” Senator Inhofe traveled to the Copenhagen Climate Conference on December 17, 2009 to announce that American climate change legislation has failed and there will be no agreement to come out of the conference.



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Select Senate Floor Speeches

- January 8, 2009 announces the consensus on climate change is in freefall and updating the Minority report of over 700 scientists skeptical of global warming claims.
- January 12, 2009 speaks out against using the second half of the TARP funds.
- January 15, 2009 addresses how President George W. Bush has a legacy of securing our nation and keeping the U.S. safe from threats since 9-11.
- February 4, 2009 outlines changes needed to focus more Stimulus dollars on infrastructure and defense.
- February 9, 2009 registers opposition to Stimulus funding and efforts to close GITMO.
- February 12, 2009 announces the Inhofe resolution that would peg Defense spending at 4 percent of GDP.
- March 3, 2009 during omnibus debate opposes congressional overturn of the polar bear listing and supporting the Murkowski/Begich amendment. Inhofe statement on TSCA reform released September 30, 2009 in response to EPA's announced core principles as guidelines for legislative reform of the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act, or TSC.
- March 12, 2009 announces consensus on climate change continues its freefall. Also announcing new Gallup Poll numbers saying that 41% of Americans say global warming claims are exaggerated.
- March 17, 2009 addresses the bailouts and the AIG bonuses.
- March 18, 2009 to expose the cap-and-trade provisions in the President's Budget.
- April 2, 2009 introduces his measure that will fix the problem with VA funding. Prior to the Inhofe fix, the VA experiences funding gaps when Congress could not pass appropriations measures in a timely manner, resulting in a disruption of health benefits for veterans.
- April 21, 2009 speaks out against President Obama's Defense Budget while outlining major cuts to our defense spending.
- May 1, 2009 calls EPA's endangerment finding a "Ticking time Bomb." This so-called 'endangerment finding' sets the clock ticking on a vast array of taxes and regulation that EPA will have the power to impose across the economy, and all with little or no political debate or Congressional control.
- May 14, 2009 on Obama Administration's recent proposes endangerment finding for greenhouse gases and the revelation of a White House OMB memo warning of the dire economic consequences of regulation CO2 under the Clean Air Act.
- June 3, 2009 on how nuclear energy can help put Americans back to work and move our economy forward, addressing the regulatory challenges facing new nuclear constructions.
- June 5, 2009 remembers the sacrifices made by many freedom loving citizens of China on the 20th anniversary of Tiananmen Square.
- June 23, 2009 decries the Democrats' efforts to push through government run health care.



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Select Senate Floor Speeches (continued)

- June 25, 2009 notes that China's resistance to join any international efforts to reduce their carbon emissions will mean any global warming bill signed into law in the US would severely damage the US economy while having a negligible impact on climate.
- July 21, 2009 supports the funding for additional F-22 fighter jets to provide updated fighter equipment and keep our Air Force strong.
- July 27, 2009 the first of a series of floor speeches exposing the Waxman-Markey American Clean Energy and Security (ACES) Act of 2009.
- July 27, 2009 highlights the benefits of hydraulic fracturing that include a safe means for recovering additional oil and natural gas for an energy independent America.
- September 17, 2009 decries the fact that President Obama cancelled the 3rd Missile Defense Site in Poland, making America less protected from a potential nuclear attack.
- October 2, 2009 speaks in support of a strong national defense that includes more C-17s.
- November 18, 2009 addresses the atrocities of Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in sub-Saharan Africa.
- November 21, 2009 highlights the deceptive closed-door nature in which Senate Democrats have pursued their health care legislation.
- December 4, 2009 discusses the tax implications of the Democrats health care bill.