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REP. MARINO'S WEEKLY WRAPUP – JULY 8, 2011

MAJOR VOTES THIS WEEK:

HR 268: Reaffirms the U.S. commitment to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations

PASSED: 407-6 (July 7)

SUMMARY: Among its provisions, the resolution reaffirms support for a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states, a democratic, Jewish state of Israel and a democratic Palestinian state living in peace and mutual recognition. It states that any Palestinian unity government must reject terrorism, accept Israel's right to exist, and reaffirm previous agreements made with Israel. It opposes any attempt to establish or seek recognition of a Palestinian state outside of an agreement negotiated between Israel and the Palestinians.

REP. MARINO: Voted YEA

HR2219: Department of Defense Appropriations Act

PASSED: 336-87 (July 8)

SUMMARY: Provides \$649 billion in funding for Defense Department operations for fiscal year 2012. The \$530 billion for non-emergency funding is \$9 billion less than President Obama had requested. The \$119 billion allocated for emergency spending for Defense activities is \$39 billion less than was spent last year.

COMMITTEE WORK:

JUDICIARY: HR1439, The Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011.

SUMMARY: Expands an existing federal prohibition against state taxation of interstate commerce to include taxation of out-of-state transactions involving all forms of property, including intangible personal property and services (currently, only sales of tangible personal property are protected). It also prohibits state taxation of an out-of-state entity unless such entity has a physical presence in the taxing state and sets forth criteria for determining that a person has a physical presence in a state.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

 Rep. Marino signed on to the Cut, Cap and Balance Pledge (http://cutcapbalancepledge.com/index.php)

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

(Note: This is a preliminary schedule and may change at any time.)

July 11:

Travel time to DC; House floor

July 12:

Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia hearing Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism & Homeland Security hearing

July 13:

Presiding over special orders

Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection & Security Technologies hearing

July 14:

Foreign Affairs Committee meeting (Foreign Relations Authorization Act Fiscal Year 2012)

July 15:

Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition & the Internet hearing Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations & Management hearing

BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- HR 2354, Energy & Water Appropriations Act
- HR 2417, Better Use of Light Bulbs Act
- HR 1309. Flood Insurance Reform Act
- HR 2018, Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011
- HR 2434, Financial Services & General Government Appropriations Act