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REP. MARINO'S WEEKLY WRAPUP – Dec. 9, 2011

MAJOR VOTES THIS WEEK:

HR1633: Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011

SUMMARY: Would prevent the EPA from revising standards on coarse particulate matter for one year and would exclude the dust produced by farm operations – referred to as “nuisance dust” – from regulation under the Clean Air Act.

PASSED: 268-150, Dec. 8

MARINO: Yes

HR1254: Synthetic Drug Control Act

SUMMARY: Amends the Controlled Substances Act to add as controlled substances: (1) any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains cannabimimetic agents (or the salts, isomers, or salts of isomers thereof); adds some hallucinogenic drugs to the list.

PASSED: 317-98, Dec. 8

MARINO: Yes

HR10: The REINS Act, Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act

SUMMARY: Would amend the U.S. Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law. This would require major regulations (with an annual economic impact of at least \$100 million), to be approved by a stand-alone, up-or-down vote by the House, Senate, and signed by the President before they are enforced on families, job-creating small businesses, or State and local governments.

PASSED: 241-184, Dec. 7

MARINO: Yes

HR2055: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012

SUMMARY: Appropriates funds for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense for: military construction for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and Air Force, Department of Defense and other related entities.

PASSED: 409-13, Dec. 7

MARINO: Yes

HR1540: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012

SUMMARY: Authorizes the budget authority of the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy.

PASSED: 406-17, Dec. 7

MARINO: Yes

COMMITTEE WORK:

Judiciary

- Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet hearing: “Oversight of the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies”

Foreign Affairs

- **Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights** held a hearing, “Fighting Malaria: Progress & Challenges”
- **Joint Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and Middle East and South Asia hearing:** Camp Ashraf: Iraqi Obligations and State Department Accountability.

Homeland Security

- **Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection & Security Technologies hearing:** “Hearing on Draft Legislative Proposal on Cybersecurity.”
- **First-ever Joint Hearing,** Homeland Security and Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Members examined the threat of homegrown terrorism to military communities inside the United States and vowed to change the law so domestic military victims of violent Islamist extremism can be awarded the Purple Heart. The Senate Committee conducted an investigation into the failures that led to the 2009 Fort Hood shooting, culminating in a report that detailed the failures of the Department of Defense and FBI to act on compelling evidence and prevent the attack.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- On Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Rep. Marino launched his Veterans History Project.

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