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REP. MARINO'S WEEKLY WRAPUP – JULY 15, 2011

MAJOR VOTES THIS WEEK:

HR 2354: FY 2012 Energy & Water Appropriations Act

SUMMARY: Funds the Department of Energy (including the National Nuclear Security Administration), as well as the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and various regional water and power authorities. Total funding of \$30.6 billion (a decrease of over \$1 billion below FY11) bringing the total cost of the bill to nearly the 2006 funding level. Provides \$1.028 billion in emergency funding to the Army Corps of Engineers to repair damage caused by recent storms and floods – fully offset by a rescission of the remaining emergency high speed rail funding included in the “stimulus” bill.

No Earmarks were included.

PASSED: 219-196, July 15

MARINO: Yes

HR 2018: The Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011

SUMMARY: Restricts EPA's ability to issue a revised or new water quality standard for a pollutant whenever a state has adopted – and EPA has already approved – a standard, unless the state concurs; prohibits EPA from superseding a water quality certification granted under the CWA; prohibits EPA from withdrawing approval of a state water quality permitting program under the CWA; and prohibits EPA from objecting to a state's issuance of a permit on the basis of a differing interpretation of an approved state water quality standard.

PASSED: 239-184, July 13

MARINO: Yes

HR2417: Better Use of Light Bulbs Act

SUMMARY: Repeals 2007 legislation that bans the manufacture and sale of certain light bulbs. These sections impose energy efficiency standards which would effectively prohibit the sale of certain incandescent light bulbs after Dec. 31, 2011, and impose dozens of new regulations on light bulbs and lamps.

FAILED: 233-193 in favor (2/3 or 285 votes needed)

MARINO: Yes

HR1309: Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011

SUMMARY: The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as an alternative to providing direct assistance after floods. NFIP, which provides government-guaranteed flood insurance to homeowners and businesses, was intended to reduce the federal government's escalating costs for repairing flood damage after disasters. H.R. 1309 provides for a 5-year reauthorization of the NFIP and includes important reforms to improve its financial stability, reduce the burden on taxpayers, and provide avenues to increase private sector participation in the flood insurance market.

PASSED: 406-22

MARINO: Yes

COMMITTEE WORK:

JUDICIARY: Approved HR 1932, Keep Our Communities Safe Act

SUMMARY: Stops the release of dangerous criminal immigrants into American communities. This bill provides a basis for Department of Homeland Security to detain as long as necessary specified dangerous criminal immigrants under orders of removal who cannot be removed.

JUDICIARY: Passed the Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011. (Marino is a co-sponsor.)

SUMMARY: This bipartisan bill would prohibit state and local governments from imposing any new discriminatory tax on mobile services, mobile service providers, or mobile service property for five years from the date of its enactment.

HOMELAND SECURITY Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing to examine the ability of the Federal Protective Service to accomplish its mission of securing and safeguarding the approximately 9,500 federally owned and leased buildings and their occupants.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Rep. Marino introduced, with Rep. Betty Sutton, D-OH, **HR2492, the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act of 2011** which makes it a federal offense to attend an animal fight and to take minors to such events.
- Rep. Marino signed a letter to the President calling on him to clarify that people on Social Security will continue to receive benefits in spite of the federal government potentially reaching the debt limit.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

The week of July 18-22 was originally scheduled as a Constituent Work Week in the district but because of the ongoing budget discussions, Rep. Marino will be in Washington, D.C.

BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011: cuts total spending by \$111 billion in fiscal year 2012; caps spending over the next 10 years; requires the passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment before raising the nation's debt limit
- HR 2434, Financial Services & General Government Appropriations Act

