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REP. MARINO'S WEEKLY WRAPUP – OCT. 28, 2011

4TH BILL INTRODUCED

Rep. Marino introduced legislation that offers limited legal protection to Medicare and Medicaid providers who use electronic records.

HR3239, the Safeguarding Access For Every Medicare Patient Act, would ensure patient access to Medicare and Medicaid providers; reduce health care costs; guarantee incentives to providers to remain in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and promote participation in health information technology.

This is the fourth bill Rep. Marino has introduced. His other legislation includes: HR 1779, the Federal Hiring Freeze Act; HR 1946, Preserving Our Hometown Pharmacies Act; and HR2492, the Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act.

MAJOR VOTES THIS WEEK:

HR674:

SUMMARY: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, and to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs.

PASSED: 405-16, Oct. 27

MARINO: Yes

HR2576:

SUMMARY: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to include Social Security benefits that are excluded from gross income in the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for the tax credit for coverage under a qualified health plan.

PASSED: 262-157, Oct. 27

MARINO: Yes

HR1904: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act

SUMMARY: Authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain federal land in Pinal County, Arizona, to Resolution Copper.

PASSED: 235-181, Oct. 26

MARINO: Yes

HR1160: South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act

SUMMARY: Directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery in Richmond County, North Carolina, to the state of North Carolina to be used by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission as a component of the fish and wildlife management program of the state.

PASSED: 395-0, Oct. 24

MARINO: Yes

HR320: Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act

SUMMARY: Designates a memorial located at March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial, in honor of current and former members of the armed forces who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

PASSED: 392-1, Oct. 24

MARINO: Yes

COMMITTEE WORK:

Foreign Affairs Committee:

- Held a hearing with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton: “Afghanistan and Pakistan: Transition and the Way Forward”
- Discussed deployment of U.S. forces in Central Africa and the implementation of the Lord’s Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recover Act

Homeland Security Committee:

- Assessed Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform
- Held a hearing on “Iranian Terror Operations on American Soil.”

Judiciary Committee:

- Held a hearing on HR 3010, the Regulatory Accountability Act.
- Discussed several bills including: **HR822**, National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act; **HR 420**, the Veterans Heritage Firearms Act; **HR10**, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act; **HR 2870**, the Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act; **HR1254**, the Synthetic Drug Control Act; **HR3012**, Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act
- Met to discuss the Sentencing Commission

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Telephone Town Hall**

Rep. Marino conducted a telephone town hall from his Washington, D.C., office on Oct. 24, connecting with nearly 9,000 constituents from Bradford, Susquehanna, Pike and Wayne counties.

- **American Kidney Fund Gala**

Rep. Marino is co-chairman of the Congressional Kidney Caucus and was asked to speak at The Hope Affair, the Kidney Fund's annual gala on Oct. 25. The recipient of this year's Hero of Hope Award was Corey Furman of Selinsgrove, a resident of the 10th District.

NEXT WEEK:

Rep. Marino will be in Washington, D.C., Tuesday through Friday

Monday, Oct. 31

Meeting at Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Luzerne County

Visit to Marywood University, Lackawanna County

Visit to Optimo, Wilkes-Barre

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