



May 15, 2009

### **H.R. 2187 - 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act**

This week the House passed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. This legislation would direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to state educational agencies for the modernization, renovation or repair of public school facilities. As the cofounder of the Green Schools Caucus, I voted for this legislation because it will create new federal grant program for school construction and maintenance to give students better lighting and temperature controls, which promotes higher student achievement; more comfortable indoor environments, improved ventilation and indoor air-quality – all of which contribute to positive health benefits, including reduced instances of asthma, colds, flu and absenteeism.

### **H.R. 2346 - Fiscal Year 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Bill**

This bill provides funding to the Department of Defense for the administration for the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan along with other military and domestic needs for the rest of FY '09. I voted for this bill because it clearly states America's national security priorities of funding our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We must build on our success restoring democracy to Iraq and refocusing our efforts to combat terrorists who continue to plot against the United States in the Tribal Areas of Pakistan.

### **Flake Privileged Resolution Regarding Earmarks**

Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) has repeatedly introduced a resolution to investigate the relationship between campaign contributions and earmarks. His resolution specifically mentions a "raided firm" which almost certainly points to a now closed appropriations lobbying firm called the PMA Group. The firm was raided in February by the FBI and is known to have close ties to Rep. John Murtha (D-PA). I will continue to support this resolution and call for an investigation into the waste, fraud, and abuse associated with the broken earmark system.



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Congressman McCaul met with Austin and Houston Area realtors to discuss the current housing and foreclosure crisis.



Congressman McCaul accepts award from the Safe Boating Council for his support of safe boating measures.

**Listening Post**  
**Elgin Public Library**  
Friday, May 22, from 11-1pm

**Caldwell Listening Post**  
Friday, May 22  
2-4 p.m.  
Burleson County Courthouse

(In courtroom on third floor)  
100 W. Buck St.  
Caldwell, TX

**NEW WEBSITE!**

***Please look for our new and improved congressional website which will launch in the first few days of April. The address will remain the same: [www.house.gov/mccaul](http://www.house.gov/mccaul). We hope this will serve as a more effective communications tool, allowing you greater options to learn what's happening in Washington and voice your opinion.***

With best regards,



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Member of Congress

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