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## THE McCaul Minute



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Dear Friends,

### **[GITMO Detainees on "No Fly List"](#)**

On Thursday, the House passed H.R. 2200, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Authorization bill by a vote of 397-25. The bill authorizes more than \$15.6 billion in appropriations for TSA activities and programs for FY 2010 and 2011, and includes provisions on a range of security issues. In particular, it triples the funding available for surface transportation security. Republicans offered a motion to amend the bill so that the "No Fly List" would include any individual who was a detainee held at Guantanamo Bay unless the President certifies to Congress that the detainee poses no threat to the United States, its citizens, or its allies. This motion was agreed to by the Majority.

Please see [VIDEO](#) of my speech on the House floor Thursday arguing that the government should require current and former GITMO detainees be **immediately** added to the Terror Watch List (No Fly List) so, if freed, they will not be able to board a commercial aircraft.

### **[Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act](#)**

This week, the House passed H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Paternal Leave Act. This bill would allow federal employees to substitute 4 weeks of **paid** leave for the existing guaranteed 12 weeks of **unpaid** leave for the birth or adoption of a child. It is estimated that this bill will cost \$938 million over five years. I opposed this legislation because I am concerned that with the current state of the economy, now is not the best time to enact such a large bill at taxpayer expense, especially when private sector workers are concerned for their jobs, let alone rarely receive such generous leave allotments.

### **[War Supplemental Cluttered with IMF Funding](#)**

Next week, the House will consider the Conference Report on the War Supplemental Spending bill. In the Senate version, \$108 billion in funding for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was included. This is one aspect of the Supplemental that I am concerned about. I feel this IMF funding has no place in a bill intended to aid our troops in combat overseas. Further, given our economic crisis I believe we must better scrutinize every dollar we send overseas to foreign countries.

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Rep. McCaul meets with Dr. Murray Snook, Michael Urbach of National Surgical Care, and Dr. Ira Lown of the South Austin Surgery Center, at the Center's golf tournament in Austin Saturday.

### **In the News**

Cy-Fair Sun: [White House: Cyber space a national asset, needs protection](#)

Instant News Katy: [McCaul to Napolitano: Border Sheriffs Need Full Funding](#)

Brenham Banner: [McCaul applauds Obama's plan on cyber security](#)

### **Employers Wanted for Job Fair**

Congressman McCaul will be hosting a Job Fair in August and is looking for employers interested in participating. The Job Fair will feature employers from across the district, state, and nation. If you are an employer looking for workers, please contact our Austin district office at (512) 473-2357 or visit my [website](#) and download the registration form.

### **DTV Transition**

The nation will be completing the transition to digital television on **June 12, 2009**. The transition will only affect older antenna TVs that are not hooked up to cable, satellite or other pay television service. If you do not subscribe to pay television service, the TV Converter Box Coupon Program offer two \$40 coupons per a household to assist with purchasing eligible converters. Congress recently passed legislation to allow consumers with expired coupons to request replacements. Consumers may apply for coupons or replacements online at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or by calling 1-888-DTV2009 (1-888-388-2009).

### **Hurricane Season: Be Prepared**

Hurricane Season started on June 1. Congressman McCaul hopes to increase awareness and preparedness among his constituents. As we were reminded by Hurricane Ike last September, these storms are one of the greatest weather threats to Texas and citizens need to know the actions they can take to help protect themselves, their families and their property. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has created a hurricane preparedness webpage. The information can be found at [http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu\\_season09.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu_season09.shtm).

**Listening Posts:**

**Tomball**

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 - 12 noon  
Tomball Chamber downstairs boardroom  
29201 Quinn Rd, Ste. B  
Tomball, TX 77375.

**Waller**

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm  
Waller ISD Board Room  
2114 Waller St., Waller, TX.

With best regards,



Michael T. McCaul  
Member of Congress

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