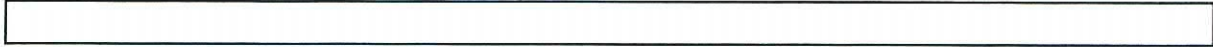




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An Historic Inauguration

On Tuesday, President Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

"I congratulate President Barack Obama on his Inauguration as the 44th President of the United States. As a country, we should take a moment to recognize the historic significance of his Presidency.

"As evidenced by the crowds around Washington, DC, President Obama has generated a great deal of excitement. As our nation's first African-American President, he will hopefully inspire generations of young people across the world to become involved. Our nation's most challenging issues: war and peace, a world financial crisis that affects every American family, preserving and protecting our environment, diversifying energy supplies: impact all of us and require Congress to work with our new President.

"We can all welcome President Obama and the historic step his service represents."

House Appropriations Committee Considers Economic Stimulus Package

On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee considered the Majority's economic stimulus proposal. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen opposed the bill.

"There is no greater challenge facing families and businesses today than our nation's struggling economy. Quite correctly, they are asking for our help and we must respond by passing an economic stimulus package as quickly as possible," said Frelinghuysen. "I have no quarrel with the urgency that the Majority Leadership has expressed. I have a problem with their priorities."

"Many have described this legislation as a transportation and infrastructure investment package. However, the fact remains that only \$30 billion—or three percent—of the funding is directed toward the "shovel ready" road and highway spending that would immediately create jobs. In fact, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, less than half of the stimulus package will be spent in the next two years. At that rate, an economic recovery will probably outrun this government spending!"

Frelinghuysen, the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water

Development, also expressed his opposition to the fundamental shift in the Department of Energy's mission contained in the plan.

"This bill would dramatically change the character and mission of the Department of Energy," said Frelinghuysen. "If this bill passes, the Department of Energy will no longer be the nation's premier science, research, and development institution."

"Its core mission would no longer be to pursue innovations like hybrid car technology, cellulosic biofuels, carbon sequestration, improved nuclear plants, coal gasification, and other core advances that will make the United States more competitive and more secure. Instead, the Department of Energy would become the nation's premier "manager" of energy assistance programs."

The stimulus package appropriates nearly \$50 billion that falls under the jurisdiction of Rep. Frelinghuysen's subcommittee. Of that money, approximately \$30 billion goes to grant and loan programs. That money alone is greater than the entire 2008 budget for the Department of Energy, which was \$24 billion.

The House of Representatives is expected to consider the entire \$825 billion economic stimulus proposal next week.

"The President says he is eager to consider Republican ideas. I hope he listens when we ask for more pro-growth tax cuts, better targeting for the bill's spending and far more accountability."

Frelinghuysen Opposes TARP Expansion

On Thursday, the House considered House Joint Resolution 3, which disapproves the use of additional funds for the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP). Rep. Frelinghuysen joined a majority of his colleagues in opposing the release of an additional \$350 billion in federal funding.

"When Congress passed the controversial economic rescue plan last fall, we were promised proper management and accountability of taxpayer money. Unfortunately, we got neither," said Frelinghuysen. "The American people demand better results this time. It is irresponsible to support the release of another \$350 billion when there is no clear, detailed plan as to where it will be spent, under what conditions it will be released and how it will improve our economic crisis."

Speaks to the Retired Military Officers Association

Last Saturday, Rep. Frelinghuysen spoke to a meeting of the Retired Military Officers Association at northern New Jersey's Picatinny Arsenal. He was introduced by their incoming President, Captain Rick Foreman, and welcomed by the outgoing President Colonel Richard DeMarco of Kinnelon.

Frelinghuysen spoke to the association about the challenges facing our nation, the new Administration's national defense team, and military operations across the world. Primarily, he thanked those in attendance for their service in defense of the United States.

"Our forefathers designed this great democracy. Our ancestors built this great nation. But it is the military – past and present – that has protected it and allowed it to flourish," said Frelinghuysen. "Because of our Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, our children and their children will enjoy the fruits of freedom."

Visits Secret Service with Youth Advisory Council

Rep. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (NJ-11) today brought his Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to

visit the Secret Service's Newark Field office located in Morristown.

"I am grateful to all the New Jersey students who have decided to get involved in government through my Youth Advisory Council," said Frelinghuysen. "I appreciate their perspective on the issues facing our country and especially those important to young Americans. I also thank the Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Cindy Wofford for welcoming these students and giving them the opportunity to learn about federal law enforcement in their community."

The Youth Advisory Council is made up of juniors and seniors from across the 11th District. Members are nominated by school Principals at each high school. Past Youth Advisory Councils have had the opportunity to tour Picatinny Arsenal and meet with NASA Astronauts.

Tours Employment Horizons

Rep. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (NJ-11) today visited Employment Horizons. He was welcomed by Executive Director Jurate Fiory and Chair Nancy Delaney, President of the Board of Trustees.

"I am proud to represent Employment Horizons and thank them for the work they do in providing employment, training and job placement services to so many people with disabilities," said Frelinghuysen. "For over fifty years, Employment Horizons has been serving the people of Morris County. It is an organization the people of northern New Jersey can be extremely proud of."

Founded in 1957, Employment Horizons is a not-for-profit agency providing comprehensive employment, training, and job placement services to persons with disabilities and other disadvantages in the greater Morris County, New Jersey, area. In 2006, Employment Horizons opened a new Technology Center, expanding the training services they provide.

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