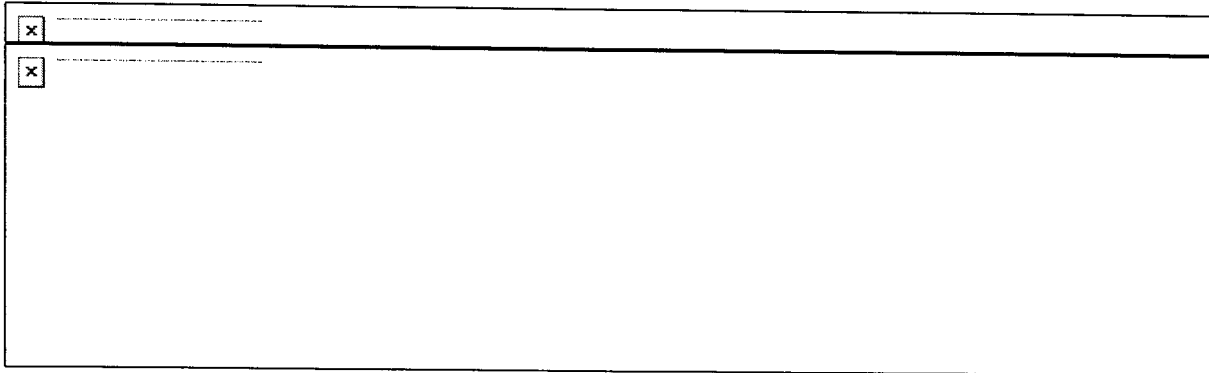


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


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### President Signs Protect America Act into Law

It took nearly five months, but on Thursday the President signed the Protect America into law. This ends a period where our intelligence community has been operating without the tools it needs to protect our country from terrorist attack.

 The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act of 2008 is a critically necessary modernization of the original FISA law. FISA was originally enacted in 1978, well before the development of cell and satellite phones and the internet. The bill increases our nation's security by ensuring there is no gap in intelligence collection against violent international extremists, while protecting American's civil liberties by preventing our citizens from surveillance of the government without a warrant. Sadly, it took Senate leadership to force a compromise.

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"I am pleased that we were able to restore these tools to our intelligence community," said Rep. Frelinghuysen. "It is unfortunate that America was deprived of these protections for so long. As a member of the House Intelligence Oversight Committee, I understand that it is our responsibility to ensure that our government does everything in its power to prevent terrorist attacks."

### Frelinghuysen Supports Homes for Heroes

On Wednesday, Rep. Frelinghuysen voted to pass H.R. 3329, the Home for Heroes Act. This legislation authorizes \$200 million for grants for the construction and rehabilitation of permanent housing for low-income veterans.

ensure our freedom," said Frelinghuysen. "I will work to see that when our soldiers, airmen, marines, and sailors complete their service to our nation, we continue to support them."

The Homes for Heroes Act also creates 20,000 new rental vouchers to go along with the 19,800 vouchers funded in 2008 and 2009.

H.R. 3329 follows an enhancement and modernization of the GI Bill of Rights supported by Rep. Frelinghuysen. In addition to substantially improved benefits, the GI Bill now allows servicewomen and men to transfer education benefits to their spouse or children.

### **Works for Energy Solutions**

Rep. Frelinghuysen continues to work on the rising cost of energy. However, House leadership did not bring a single bill to the floor this week or last to address energy prices.

Rep. Frelinghuysen has sponsored key energy legislation during this Congress including introducing H.R. 5768, the CFTC Improvement Act in April. The legislation expands the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's oversight of electronic energy trades. Electronic energy markets were exempt from federal oversight. H.R. 5768 would close a legal loophole by allowing electronic energy commodities to be regulated the same way as other commodities. Similar legislation was included in H.R. 2419, which became law in June.

Rep. Frelinghuysen is an original co-sponsor of H.R. 5984, the Clean Energy Tax Stimulus Act. The bill would extend critical production tax credit for electricity produced from renewable sources like wind, biomass, hydropower, and geothermal and the 30 percent investment credit for businesses that install solar or fuel cell equipment.

Click [here](#) to read CFTC Chairman Wayne Lukken's letter to Rep. Frelinghuysen.

### **Hosts 11th District High School Valedictorians**

On Monday, Rep. Frelinghuysen hosted a luncheon for high school valedictorians from across New Jersey's 11th District. The event was held at the Morris County Park Commission's Cultural Center in Morristown, New Jersey.

"I have always said that northern New Jersey boasts some of the best schools in the state and country," said Rep. Frelinghuysen. "These students are some of the best and brightest students in the nation. Earning the honor of valedictorian is an accomplishment, they should be very proud to hold."

The luncheon is an opportunity for Rep. Frelinghuysen and New Jersey students to interact and discuss issues of national importance.

### **Majority Aims at Censoring Internet**

This week, the Majority on the House Administration Committee proposed a new rule aiming to censor the way people interact with their elected representatives.

The proposed House rule would require free websites, such as YouTube, to comply with House regulations before a Member of Congress would be allowed to post videos on them. In doing so, the Majority would pick a list of "approved" websites essentially censoring where people can get information about their elected representatives!

Republican Leader John Boehner called on Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to oppose these efforts saying:

"If this proposed rule were to be implemented, Americans who currently use free

websites such as YouTube to obtain uncensored daily information on congressional policy debates would suddenly be forced to visit websites 'approved' by the House Administration Committee in order to continue getting such information. This would amount to new government censorship of the Internet, by a panel of federal officials that is neither neutral nor independent."

### Military Celebrates 35 Years of an All-Volunteer Force

This month marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the all volunteer military for the U.S. Armed Forces. In 1973, the draft was abolished and voluntary service was restored.

"Today we have a volunteer force, young men and women, serving our nation and protecting our freedoms. They are well trained, motivated, and proud of their service. Approximately 46 percent of those serving are National Guard and Reservists, citizen soldiers defending our country. We owe each and every one-active, Guard, and Reserve- a debt of gratitude.

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