

CONGRESSMAN ROB WITTMAN

SERVING VIRGINIA'S FIRST DISTRICT



117TH
CONGRESS
IN
REVIEW



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PRIORITIES



Ensuring we bring the capability of our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force to meet the reality of the threats facing the United States and to project power around the globe to deter our adversaries.



Getting our nation's fiscal house in order by eliminating wasteful government spending, eliminating duplicative programs, and bringing transparency and accountability back to the budget and appropriations process.



Promoting pro-growth, pro-worker, and pro-American policies that create more jobs, spur competition and innovation, and put more money in the pockets of hardworking Americans.



Ensuring veterans receive the benefits, care, and opportunities they deserve as they transition back to civilian life after serving our nation.



Securing American energy production, independence, and dominance to create American jobs, lower household energy costs for American families, and promote the U.S. as the world energy supplier.



Protecting law-abiding American citizens' Constitutional right to keep and bear arms while preventing criminals from acquiring firearms.



Defending the sanctity of life, upholding family values, and ensuring women have access to the care and information they need when inquiring about family planning services.



Protecting our environment and natural resources for generations to come and practicing proper stewardship of our public lands, wetlands, and wildlife.



Preparing students for a 21st-century economy by prioritizing workforce development and further developing Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs.



Expanding broadband to unserved and underserved areas to bridge the digital divide and increasing access to digital services such as telemedicine, distance-learning, and online banking for rural Americans.



Combating illegal immigration through a comprehensive plan that secures our border, enforces the rule of law, and provides adequate funding and resources for border patrol agencies.



Addressing the unique challenges of our infrastructure and investing in the future transportation needs of the First District of Virginia and the nation.



Preserving the benefits and contributions made into retirement programs like Social Security and Medicare for today's seniors and future generations.



Reforming our healthcare system to provide quality, affordable healthcare options that are patient-centered and meet the individual needs of every American.

117TH CONGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

302

flags flown
over the U.S.
Capitol for
constituents

290,300

constituents reached
with informational email
updates sent directly to
their inboxes

495

meetings with
constituents in
D.C. and Virginia's
First District

4,247

constituents
helped with
casework
issues

114,290

responses to constituent inquiries and inbound office
contacts via email, letter, social media, or phone call

6,300

constituents reached through livestreamed Telephone
Town Halls

307

bills
introduced or
signed onto by
Rep. Wittman

33

bills
personally
introduced by
Rep. Wittman

90

bipartisan bills Rep.
Wittman signed onto
as a co-sponsor

WORKING FOR YOU NATIONAL DEFENSE

A LEADER FOR OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE

We are at a crucial period for our national security. As Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and Chairman of the Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee, I know how important it is for our servicemembers to have the necessary equipment, resources, and funding to defend our nation and deter our adversaries. As we face growing national security threats from China and Russia, our military must maintain an advantage over our adversaries to protect our interests and the interests of our allies. The security and stability of the free world depends on a strong American military, and I am committed to ensuring our Armed Forces are equipped to compete in an increasingly dangerous world.

NATIONAL DEFENSE & SECURITY WORK IN THE 117TH CONGRESS

- Launched the **bipartisan Public Shipyard Caucus** with Rep. Kilmer (WA-06) to support the nation's four public shipyards and serve as a venue to discuss public shipyard issues and raise awareness for their importance to Congress.
- Advocated for putting the Navy back on track to **building a 355-ship Navy** in the FY23 NDAA.
- **Prevented the retirement** of 12 existing Navy ships and **secured the construction** of 11 new ships in the FY23 NDAA.
- **Co-sponsored a resolution** that called on the Biden administration to abandon their attempts to restart JCPOA negotiations with Iran.
- **Hosted a Manufacturing Competitiveness Roundtable** with Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin and the Ronald Reagan Institute to discuss reviving U.S. manufacturing competitiveness in areas critical to national security and the defense workforce.
- **Introduced legislation** with Rep. Stefanik (NY-21) to establish the National Commission on the United States' Involvement in Afghanistan.



WORKING FOR YOU GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

HOLDING WASHINGTON ACCOUNTABLE

I'm a firm believer that transparency and accountability in Congress are essential for reining in wasteful government spending, completing appropriations on time, and ensuring our government is adequately funded. Passing a budget on time is of the most basic duties of Congress, yet we continue to find ourselves budgeting by crisis and using last-minute stop-gap measures to avoid government shutdowns. This prevents Members of Congress from being able to properly resolve Americans' most pressing concerns. There is no question that the culture in Washington must change, and I have continued to introduce legislation that would hold Members of Congress accountable for failing to do their job.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY WORK IN THE 117TH CONGRESS

- The **Stay on Schedule (S.O.S) Resolution** — would force the Speaker to keep Congress in town until all 12 appropriations bills are passed, instead of adjourning for the August recess.
- The **No Budget, No Pay Act** — would prevent Members of Congress from being paid until we pass a budget.
- **Inaction Has Consequences Act** — would hold Congress Members' salaries if we do not pass regular appropriation bills before the end of the Fiscal Year.

THE HILL

Cancel August recess: We must do our job

BY REP. ROB WITTMAN (R-VA.), OPINION CONTRIBUTOR - 07/11/22 2:00 PM ET

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Last week, as I have done for years, I sent the Speaker a letter urging her to cancel August recess considering the incredible work members of Congress still must complete. In addition to failing to complete all 12 appropriations bills, our nation currently faces enormous challenges both at home and abroad that require direct attention and action from Members of Congress. Between soaring inflation, skyrocketing energy costs, an unprecedented border crisis, and mounting national security challenges, members of Congress have a duty to work for the American people.

The challenges ahead of us require a commitment to late nights, weekends, and remaining in Washington throughout August until the work is done. If the job isn't done, you don't give up and head home for vacation. The same standard should apply to Congress. We can't continue to find ourselves in these completely avoidable situations. I urge Speaker Pelosi to realistically look at the challenges we face and keep members of Congress in Washington until we complete the work of the American people.

WORKING FOR YOU NATURAL RESOURCES

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

As a lifelong conservationist and outdoorsman, I know how important it is to protect and preserve our environment, natural resources, and wildlife. In Congress, I serve on the House Natural Resources Committee where I'm focused on protecting our environment by promoting policies that encourage clean energy, innovation, and proper stewardship of our environment. I am also the Co-Chair of the Congressional Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus and have been a leader in safeguarding and preserving the Chesapeake Bay wildlife, waters, and region. Virginia and our nation are both blessed with an abundance of natural resources that we have a responsibility to protect, manage, and use in ways that allow them to flourish for generations to come. I'm committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to secure greater access to resources for our public lands, wetlands, and wildlife, and ensure the proper use of our natural resources.

- Co-led the **Keep America's Refuges Operational Act of 2022** to reauthorize the National Wildlife Refuge System volunteer, community partnership, and education programs.
- Introduced, and passed, the **Northern Neck National Heritage Area Act** to deliver critical dollars and resources to help protect the Northern Neck region.
- Co-sponsored the **Trillion Trees Act** to solidify the U.S. as a global leader of the One Trillion Trees Initiative.
- Introduced the **Refuge System Protection Act** with Rep. Thompson (CA-05) for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to collect civil damages to repair and restore damaged wildlife refuges.
- Introduced the **Chesapeake Bay SEEE Act** with Reps. Sarbanes (MD-03) and Scott (VA-03) to advance efforts in preserving our ecosystems and waterways in the Chesapeake Bay region.
- Co-sponsored the **VIP Act** to allow veterans, active-duty servicemembers, and Gold Star families to visit all national parks and public lands free of charge.



KEY LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY REP. WITTMAN

BRAVE Act — Requires the Department of Veteran Affairs to establish a patient outreach system under which it must ensure that veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system and have experienced a traumatic event may elect to receive information and resources relating to mental health care services.

Independent and Objective Oversight of Ukrainian Assistance Act — Establishes the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukrainian Military, Economic, and Humanitarian Aid. Office duties shall include conducting and coordinating audits and investigations of the handling of funds for aid to Ukraine.

Veterans Choice Accountability Act — Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate VA programs that furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to ensure that the most intensively used specialized care programs are maintained as centers of excellence.

Northern Neck National Heritage Area Act — Establishes the Northern Neck Heritage Area in Virginia and makes federal funding available to the region. Designates the Northern Neck Tourism Commission, a working committee of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, as the local coordinating entity.

Federal Employee Combat Zone Tax Parity Act — Excludes from gross income, for income tax purposes, the compensation of a federal employee who served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone.

PROPEL Act — Expands student eligibility for Pell Grants by allowing students to use these grants for enrollment in educational programs that consist of vocational or technical training, flight training, apprenticeship, or other on-job training.

World Deserves to Know Act — Requires sanctions on certain members of the CCP and officials of Chinese health agencies including visa- and property-blocking sanctions on CCP officials and those who are responsible for the silencing and disappearance of whistleblowers and journalists in China relating to COVID-19.

Adoption Information Act — Requires federally funding family planning programs to provide each person who inquires about their services with specified information about adoption centers in their state. The Department of Human Services must provide the programs with pamphlets containing the required information.

Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2022 — Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

No Oil for CCP Act — Directs the Department of Energy to require as a condition of any sale of crude oil from the SPR that oil is not to be exported to China, North Korea, Iran, and other specified recipients and the recipient of the oil is not under the ownership, control, or influence of the CCP.

KEY LEGISLATION

CO-SPONSORED BY REP. WITTMAN

REIN IN Inflation Act — Requires the Office of Management and Budget and the Council of Economic Advisers to provide an inflation estimate for each executive order that is projected to cause an annual gross budgetary effect of at least \$1 billion.

Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act — Requires an initial mental health screening within 30 days after a child enters foster care, and if a mental health issue is identified, a comprehensive assessment of the child's mental health must be completed within 60 days after the child's entry into foster care.

Post 9/11 Veterans Business Acceleration Act — Requires the Department of Veteran Affairs to collaborate with the Small Business Administration to implement a pilot program to provide financial assistance to eligible individuals under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for establishing and operating a business.

Chesapeake Bay SEE Act of 2021 — Authorizes the NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office to establish a Chesapeake Bay watershed education and training program and a program to support coordinated management, protection, characterization, and restoration of priority habitats and living resources.

Patient Advocate Tracker Act — Requires the Office of Patient Advocacy within the Veterans Health Administration to establish an information technology system that allows veterans or their representatives to electronically file a complaint with a patient advocate and review the status of a filed complaint.

Unleashing American Energy Act — Requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a minimum number of oil and gas lease sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico, the Western Gulf of Mexico, and offshore Alaska to prevent delays in oil and gas leasing.

Parents Bill of Rights Act — Outlines various rights of parents and guardians regarding the elementary or secondary school education of their children including directing elementary and secondary schools to publicly post their curriculum and require schools to notify parents and guardians of their rights.

Keep America's Refuges Operational Act of 2022 — Reauthorizes through FY2027 the volunteer services, community partnerships, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System to aid in the protection of United States refuges.

Securing Our Border States Act — Requires the Department of the Treasury to provide grants to states for building barriers and related infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico border.

ENTRÉE Act — Provides FY2021 supplemental appropriations for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and increase oversight responsibilities and audit requirements to protect taxpayer dollars, eliminate preferential treatment for priority groups, and treat applications on a first come, first serve basis.

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