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110th Congress

Natural Resources Defense Council

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OHIO
Sherrod Brown (D)
1st Term/56%
Replaces Mike DeWine (R)

- **Occupation:** Teacher; Public servant
- **Offices Held:** Ohio House of Representatives; U.S. House of Representatives
- **Education:** He received a B.A. in Russian studies from Yale University and a M.A. in education and public administration from Ohio State University
- **Other:** Brown is the author of two books; started the first Earth Day in his hometown; scored 100% LCV scorecard rating in 2006
- **Committee Assignments:** Agriculture, Banking, Veterans, and Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP)
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- On Superfunds: Brown “will work to ensure oil and chemical companies clean up their own mess by paying for Superfund sites.”
(<http://www.sherrodbrown.com/pages/environment>)
- On Brownfields: Brown “will work to clean up brownfields that blight our cities and hinder new development.” (<http://www.sherrodbrown.com/pages/environment>)
- On Energy: Brown “will work to encourage widespread adoption of alternative energy to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and reduce pollution.”
(<http://www.sherrodbrown.com/pages/environment>)
- Other: Brown “will work to preserve old growth forests from clear cutting.”
(<http://www.sherrodbrown.com/pages/environment>)

WEB: <http://www.sherrodbrown.com/>

NEWS:

- “Head to Head”
<http://www.chroniclet.com/Daily%20Pages/102306head14.html>
- “Brown Ousts DeWine in Blow-Out”
<http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061108/NEWS09/611080507/0/NEWS18>



MARYLAND
Ben Cardin (D)
1st Term/54%
Replaces Paul Sarbanes (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney, U.S. House of Representative for MD-3
- **Offices Held:** Maryland House of Delegates; U.S. House of Representative for MD-3
- **Education:** Cardin earned his B.A. cum laude in 1964 from University of Pittsburgh. In 1967, he graduated first in his class from the University of Maryland School Law
- **Other:** Scored a 97% on the LCV scorecard for his time in the House
- **Committee Assignments:** Environment & Public Works, Foreign Relations, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On the Chesapeake Bay:** In the past, Cardin has fought to “establish Clean Water Act discharge standards for nutrients into the Bay; fought for oyster restoration efforts; increased federal role in watershed treatment plant construction and upgrade; established federal grants for local watershed associations and other groups for restoration projects; fought for new federal grants for innovative environmental education programs, and directed Corps of Engineers to work on restoring local waterways and wetlands.” (<http://www.bencardin.com/issues?id=0003>)
- **On Conservation:** Ben supports “increased funding for federal conservation, open space and environmental protections programs.” (<http://www.bencardin.com/issues?id=0003>)
- **On Global Warming:** “Ben also strongly opposes the President’s decision to pull the U.S. out of the Kyoto Agreement on Global Warming.” (<http://www.bencardin.com/issues?id=0003>)
- **On Drilling:** “Ben continues to oppose the Administration’s attempts to...open ANWR and offshore waters to broad oil and gas development. Ben recently voted against drilling in ANWR.” (<http://www.bencardin.com/issues?id=0003>)

WEB: <http://www.cardin.house.gov/>; <http://www.bencardin.com/>

NEWS:

- “Vying to represent Maryland Cardin often aligns with Jewish community stands” <http://www.washingtonjewishweek.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=4&ArticleID=6069&TM=40837.54>



PENNSYLVANIA
Bob Casey (D)
1st Term/59%
Replaces Rick Santorum (R)

- **Occupation:** Teacher, Coach
- **Offices Held:** State Treasurer of PA
- **Education:** In 1982, he graduated from the College of the Holy Cross with a B.A., and received a J.D. from The Catholic University of America in 1988
- **Committee Assignments:** Agriculture, Banking, Foreign Relations, Aging, Joint Economic
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Casey “supports a Renewable/Renewal Portfolio Standard that would require power plants to generate reasonable percentages of their output from renewable power sources...[Casey] has endorsed the Windfall Profits Rebate Act” to lower the burden of high fuel costs. (<http://www.bobcasey.com/issues/environment/>)
- **On Superfunds:** “Casey supports reinstating the ‘polluter pays’ principle for the clean up of toxic Superfund sites... also opposes efforts in Congress to pass a liability waiver for pollution caused by the gasoline additive MTBE.” (<http://www.bobcasey.com/issues/environment/>)
- **Other:** He prioritizes protecting open space and reducing sprawl; he supports changes in the federal tax code to encourage more conservation and preservation of open space and our natural resources; he would like to put environmental standards in international trade agreements. (<http://www.bobcasey.com/issues/environment/>)

WEB: <http://www.bobcasey.com/>

NEWS:

- “Santorum on the attack in final debate with Casey”
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06290/730651-177.stm>
- “Environment murky issue for candidates”
http://www.thedailyreview.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17364595&BRD=2276&PAG=461&dept_id=465049&rfi=6



TENNESSEE
Bob Corker (R)
1st Term/51%
Replaces Bill Frist (R)

- **Occupation:** Contractor
- **Offices Held:** Mayor of Chattanooga
- **Education:** Attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in Industrial Management
- **Committee Assignments:** Republican assignments have not been announced

ISSUES:

- **On Energy Independence:** “I support environmentally responsible production of oil and natural gas in northern Alaska and the outer continental shelf. We also need to increase efficiency, develop more diverse power sources, including clean coal technology and more research for the next generation of nuclear power, and use alternative fuels, like ethanol and biodiesel.” (<http://www.bobcorkerforsenate.com/bobontheissues.tb1.aspx>)
- **On the Environment:** “As Senator, I would support legislation to dramatically reduce Tennessee emissions of the three most dangerous pollutants: sulfur, nitrogen, and mercury...” (<http://www.bobcorkerforsenate.com/bobontheissues.tb1.aspx>)

WEB: <http://www.bobcorkerforsenate.com/>

NEWS:

- “First Person: Environmental Thoughts”
<http://www.tfponline.com/absolutenm/templates/blog.aspx?articleid=6963&zoneid=11>
- “Ford and Corker on eight big issues”
http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/election/article/0,1406,KNS_630_5063740,00.html



MINNESOTA
Amy Klobuchar (D)
1st Term/58%
Replaces Mark Dayton (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Former partner at Dorsey & Whitney)
- **Offices Held:** County attorney of Hennepin County, MN
- **Education:** Received her B.A. in political science *magna cum laude* from Yale University and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School
- **Other:** Her father, Jim Klobuchar, is an author and retired columnist for the *Star Tribune*, the largest newspaper in Minnesota
- **Committee Assignments:** Agriculture, Commerce, Environment & Public Works, Joint Economic
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “I will fight to expand incentives for investment in homegrown, renewable energy sources and technology...to improve our nation's energy efficiency and emission standards so we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil and move forward with greater use of renewable energy alternatives...to strengthen tax incentives for both the manufacture and purchase of hybrid and flexible-fuel vehicles...to reduce global warming by adopting legislation to limit greenhouse gas emissions.”
(<http://amyklobuchar.com/issues/energy.html>)
- **On Conservation:** “I will fight for federal policies that help to conserve our air, water and land for future generations... for land use policies that preserve our open spaces, farmlands and hunting lands and that protect our wetlands so we can maintain important wildlife habitats and reduce flooding dangers.”
(<http://amyklobuchar.com/issues/conservation.html>)

WEB: <http://www.amyklobuchar.com/>

NEWS:

- Transcript of National Energy Policy Speech Klobuchar gave at the University of Minnesota in November 2005
<http://amyklobuchar.com/media/speeches/energy-freedom-speech.html>
- “Editorial: Amy Klobuchar for U.S. Senate”
<http://www.startribune.com/561/story/771790.html>
- “Klobuchar says she will fight for rural Minnesota”
<http://webstar.postbulletin.com/agrnews/367697892123309.bsp>



MISSOURI
Claire McCaskill (D)
1st Term/50%
Replaces Jim Talent (R)

- **Occupation:** State Auditor
- **Offices Held:** State Auditor of Missouri
- **Education:** Earned a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia
- **Other:** McCaskill is the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Missouri
- **Committee Assignments:** Armed Services, Homeland and Government Affairs, Aging, and Indian Affairs, Commerce
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Supports: 1) the use of biofuels and other renewable energy sources, including E85 and cellulosic ethanol; 2) promoting farmers cooperatives to make sure our farmers receive the benefits of increased use of ethanol; 3) making alternative fuels more available to consumers; 4) creating a Renewable Energy Standard that calls for 10% of our electricity to come from renewable sources by 2020; 5) programs that help farmers and other small providers develop clean energy projects; 6) empowering the auto industry to retool factories and ramp up production of efficient cars and trucks through incentive programs; 7) helping consumers them make smart vehicle choices through better information and tax credits; 8) creating new markets for fuel-efficient cars and trucks and alternative fuel vehicles through leveraging the government's purchasing power - converting government fleets to efficient and alternative fuel vehicles; 9) research and development of energy efficient technologies that help all Americans get more power from each unit of energy ; 10) making buildings and appliances more energy efficient through incentives for farmers, homeowners, schools and businesses and 11) further investment and research into coal liquefaction.
(<http://claireonline.com/issues/energyindependence.jsp>)
- **On the Environment:** “Clean air, clean water and responsible resource management are critical to preserve for future generations.” McCaskill opposes plans to sell of portions of public lands. She believes in upholding and strengthening the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts. She also believes the U.S. needs to address global warming concerns immediately.
(<http://claireonline.com/issues/environment.jsp>)

WEB: <http://www.claireonline.com/>

NEWS:

- “McCaskill in Town”
<http://www.ksntv.com/news/default.asp?mode=shownews&id=4338>



VERMONT
Bernie Sanders (I)
1st Term/65%
Replaces Jim Jeffords (I)

- **Occupation:** Carpenter, journalist, college professor at Harvard and Hamilton colleges
- **Offices Held:** U.S. House of Representatives, Mayor of Burlington
- **Education:** He attended the University of Chicago, graduating with a B.S. in 1964
- **Other:** Bernie played the part of Rabbi Manny Shevitz in the 2001 comedy *My X-Girlfriend's Wedding Reception*; scored a 97% on the 2006 LCV scorecard
- **Committee Assignments:** Energy, Environment & Public Works, HELP, Budget, and Veterans
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters

ISSUES:

- **On the Environment:** “Recently, he [Sanders] introduced sweeping energy reform legislation in Congress. His bill calls for a fundamental overhaul of our energy policies, and would move toward the country to an approach which is based on conservation, energy efficiency and sustainable energy.” (<http://bernie.org/>)
- As Mayor, “the Sanders administration also made some very significant environmental improvements. With state and federal funding, the City developed a new sewage disposal system that significantly reduced the pollution in Lake Champlain, and built one of the first bio-mass electrical generating plants in the country.” (<http://bernie.house.gov/>)

WEB: <http://bernie.house.gov/>; <http://bernie.org/>

NEWS:

- “Sanders’ Senate Assignments”
<http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=5682578&nav=4QcS>
- “Bernie Sanders for U.S. Senate”
<http://www.addisonindependent.com/?q=node/284>



MONTANA
Jonathan 'Jon' Tester (D)
1st Term/49%
Replaces Conrad Burns (R)

- **Occupation:** Organic farmer
- **Offices Held:** Served in Montana State Senate, including as Senate President in 2005
- **Education:** Tester has a B.S. in music from the University of Great Falls
- **Committee Assignments:** Banking, Energy, Homeland and Government Affairs, Veterans, Small Business, Indian Affairs
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters

ISSUES:

- **On Conservation:** “Jon supports protecting clean places for hunting, fishing and recreation... In the U.S. Senate, Jon Tester will fight to protect access to public lands and will support responsible development of clean, renewable energy resources”
(<http://www.testersenate.com/issues>)
- **On Energy:** “As President of the Montana Senate, Jon supported legislation to develop ethanol and wind power and sponsored a successful bill to create a state renewable energy standard. In the U.S. Senate, Jon will fight to end America’s addiction to foreign oil, by investing in bio-fuel technology and wind power development, creating a national renewable standard and promoting energy efficiency and conservation.”
(<http://www.testersenate.com/issues>)
- **On Public Access:** “In the U.S. Senate, Jon Tester will fight tirelessly to keep our public lands from being sold-off or locked up by private users.”
(<http://www.testersenate.com/issues>)

WEB: <http://www.testersenate.com/>

NEWS:

- “Tester’s Votes Show Independent Streak”
<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/11/03/news/state/30-tester.txt>
- “Burns likelier than Tester to favor traditional energy sources”
<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/10/15/news/state/30-tester.txt>
- “Tester Details Farm Bill at Great Falls Convention”
<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061028/NEWS01/610280306/1002>
- “Opponents: Tester's mine vote would have hurt coal project”
<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/10/17/news/state/25-tester.txt>



VIRGINIA
Jim Webb (D)
1st Term/50%
Replaces George Allen (R)

- **Occupation:** Marine Corps veteran; Former member of Ronald Reagan's cabinet; Author
- **Offices Held:** Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Secretary of the Navy, both under Ronald Regan
- **Education:** Attended University of Southern California on a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship; attended U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis; received J.D. from Georgetown Law School
- **Other:** Son Jimmy is currently serving in Iraq
- **Committee Assignments:** Armed Services, Veterans, Joint Economic, Foreign Relations
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Webb supports: 1) The development of alternative energy sources; 2) a tax on oil companies for windfall profits and 3) rolling back tax breaks for oil companies. (http://www.webbforsenate.com/issues/side_by_side.php)
- **Other:** Webb opposes drilling in ANWR. He supports enforcing environmental regulations to continue to protect public lands. LCV endorsed Webb. (http://www.webbforsenate.com/issues/side_by_side.php)

WEB: <http://www.webbforsenate.com/home.php>

NEWS:

- “Webb is the better choice on the environment”
<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2006/102006/10222006/230615>



RHODE ISLAND
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)
1st Term/53%
Replaces Lincoln Chafee (R)

- **Occupation:** Rhode Island Attorney General
- **Offices Held:** Appointed U.S. Attorney for Rhode Island by President Clinton; State Attorney General
- **Education:** Graduated from Yale University in 1978 and the University of Virginia School of Law in 1982
- **Personal:** Wife, Dr. Sandra Thornton Whitehouse, is a marine biologist
- **Other:** Recipient of Save the Bay's 2003 Environmental Advocacy Award
- **Committee Assignments:** Environment & Public Works, Judiciary, Intelligence, Budget, Aging

ISSUES:

- On “Protecting Our Open Spaces”: “Sheldon is committed to stopping oil and gas companies from drilling in the 19 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in northeast Alaska. He supports reinstating the 2001 Roadless Rule, to keep loggers out of our forests, and other federal legislation to protect and restore our precious national forests and wildlife refuges.” As Attorney General, fought to protect regulations that preserve Rhode Island’s “public trust” wetlands from private development.
(http://www.whitehouseforsenate.com/?page_id=222)
- On Energy: Whitehouse makes it a priority to achieve energy independence by 2020 by developing and using clean, renewable energy sources. He will also work to improve the CAFE standards to 40 mph. (http://www.whitehouseforsenate.com/?page_id=222)
- On Pollution: Whitehouse has a long litigation history of “holding polluter accountable,” including investigating the North Cape spill in Rhode Island, and filing a lawsuit against lead paint manufacturers that harm children.
(http://www.whitehouseforsenate.com/?page_id=222)

WEB: <http://www.whitehouseforsenate.com/>

NEWS:

- “Candidates for top seats hope to get nod from Jamestown voters”
<http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2006/1102/News/049.html>
- “A vision for reform led by Democrats”
<http://www.pbn.com/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/123191>

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PENNSYLVANIA-4

(includes suburbs of Pittsburgh, and Beaver and Lawrence counties)



Jason Altmire (D)

1st Term/52%

Replaces Melissa Hart (R)

- **Occupation:** Acting Vice President for Government Relations and Community Health Service of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC).
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Altmire attended Florida State University, where he graduated with a B.S. in political science. He received his M.A. in Health Administration from The George Washington University
- **Other:** Altmire was a legislative assistant in the Capitol Hill office of former U.S. Congressman Pete Peterson (D-FL). At Florida State, he was a member of the school's first Sugar Bowl championship football team
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Altmire believes American dependence on foreign oil is at the heart of the problem, which has evolved into a national crisis. In Congress, he will work tirelessly to promote sensible energy policy that encourages scientists to research and develop alternative energy resources. He will also support legislation to immediately lower gas prices and punish price gougers.” (<http://www.jasonaltmire.com/issues/>)

WEB: <http://www.jasonaltmire.com/>

NEWS:

- “All American Patriots: Voters Nationwide Elect Candidates who Support Clean Energy”
<http://www.allamericanpatriots.com/m-news+article+storyid-16971.html>
- “Pittsburgh Tribune Review: Hart-Altmire race draws national attention”
http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s_475870.html

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NEW YORK-24
(includes Utica, Cooperstown)

Michael Arcuri (D)
1st Term/54%
Replaces Sherwood Boehlert (R)

- **Occupation:** Lawyer; College instructor
- **Offices Held:** Oneida County district attorney, 1994-present
- **Education:** Received a B.A. in history from SUNY-Albany in 1981, and earned a J.D. from New York Law School in 1984
- **Other:** Interested in serving on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; plans to join New Democrat Coalition
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Alternative Energy:** Arcuri believes “we need policies that support the development of renewable and alternative energy sources to reduce pollution, lower energy costs, and create new businesses. And we need policies that encourage energy conservation. It would make far more sense to give tax breaks to encourage state-of-art energy policies for the future than to give tax breaks to oil industries to build new refineries which permit them to continue to profit from exploiting oil... a valuable but finite resource.”
(http://www.arcuriforcongress.com/issues/issues_index.php)
- **On CAFE:** Supports increasing CAFE standards and offering incentives to automakers who produce more efficient vehicles. (www.nexis.com)

WEB: <http://www.arcuriforcongress.com>

NEWS:

- “Meier, Arcuri sound off on top issues”
<http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061105/NEWS01/611050340/1006>

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MINNESOTA-6

(includes Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, Anoka, and Washington counties)

Michele Bachmann (R)

1st Term/50%

Replaces Mark Kennedy (R)

- **Occupation:** U.S. Treasury Department lawyer
- **Offices Held:** Minnesota state senator
- **Education:** Received B.A. from Winona State University and a J.D. Oral Roberts University; received a LLM in tax law from the College of William and Mary
- **Personal:** Family lives and works on a farm
- **Other:** In the Minnesota State Senate, Bachmann served as the ranking member on the Jobs, Energy and Community Development Committee. She also served on the Finance Committee's Agriculture, Environment and Economic Budget Division
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Transit:** Bachmann supports Personal Rapid Transit over conventional mass transit. (http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/features/2004/04/26_mccalluml_prt/)
- **On Energy:** Bachmann in debates has voiced skepticism about global warming science and has no website pages on energy or environment. (www.nexis.com)

WEB: www.michelebachmann.com

NEWS:

- "Voter's Guide"
<http://www.monticellotimes.com/main.asp?SectionID=10&SubSectionID=76&ArticleID=13997&TM=63377.24>
- "Bachmann says she'll lower taxes to help people, businesses"
<http://webstar.postbulletin.com/agrnews/90989988141129.bsp>

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FLORIDA-9

(includes Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties)

Gus Bilirakis (R)

1st Term/56%

Replaces Mike Bilirakis (R)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Bilirakis Law Group, specializing in probate and estate planning)
- **Offices Held:** Florida House of Representatives
- **Education:** He graduated from the University of Florida in 1986 with a B.A. in political science. Received his J.D. from the Stetson University College of Law in 1989
- **Other:** Former Congressional Staffer for his Mike Bilirakis (his father), interned for Reagan White House, received “Friends of the Conservancy” award from the Nature Conservancy
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- On Offshore Oil Drilling and Energy: Bilirakis opposes offshore drilling and believes the country must develop alternative energy resources. (<http://www.gusbilirakis.com/>)

WEB: <http://www.gusbilirakis.com/>

NEWS:

- “Debate's a study in contrasts”
http://www.sptimes.com/2006/10/31/Northpinellas/Debate_s_a_study_in_c.shtml

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KANSAS-2
(includes Topeka)

Nancy Boyda (D)
1st Term/51%
Replaces Jim Ryun (R)

- **Occupation:** Worked as an analytical chemist and field inspector for the EPA; also held management positions in several pharmaceutical companies, including Marion Laboratories
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Graduated with honors from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, where she received dual degrees in chemistry and education
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Alternative Energy:** “America must catch up with the technology curve and embrace the alternative fuel technologies that are already under development elsewhere in the world.” (<http://www.nancyforcongress.com/issues.php>)
- **On CAFE:** “We must establish meaningful CAFE standards for motor vehicles and devote national attention to increasing energy efficiencies in homes and businesses.” <http://www.nancyforcongress.com/issues.php>
- **On Research:** “Third, we must fund an all-out R&D program aimed at delivering sustainable energy independence within 10 years...My advocacy for independent farms includes support for research into innovative uses for their crops. Corn, wheat, and sorghum can be used to create ethanol, and soybeans can be used to make biodiesel fuel. These renewable energy sources are cleaner than gas and coal, and their use nationwide would ease our dependence on foreign oil.” (<http://www.nancyforcongress.com/issues.php>)

WEB: <http://www.nancyforcongress.com/index.php>

NEWS:

- “More jobs is the main point of agreement in this race U.S.” <http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/news/politics/elections/15895040.htm>
- “On the campaign trail” <http://www.tonganoxiemirror.com/section/local/story/9863>

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IOWA-1

(includes Dubuque, Clinton, Davenport and Waterloo)

Bruce Braley (D)

1st Term/55%

Replaces Jim Nussle (R)

- **Occupation:** Attorney
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Braley attended college at Iowa State University, and he earned his J.D from the University of Iowa
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “It is time to shift our energy dependence from the Middle East to the Midwest by investing in further development of renewable energy resources like ethanol, biodiesel, and wind energy...The federal government should invest more in the research and development of new renewable energy sources, provide incentives to gas stations that provide E-85 fuels, and require all federal fleet vehicles to be E-85 capable.”
(<http://www.brucebraley.com/issues.asp#1>)

WEB: <http://www.brucebraley.com/>

NEWS:

- “Braley’s election a ‘huge accomplishment’”
<http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061109/NEWS09/611090393/1056>
- “Des Moines Register Endorses Braley for Congress”
<http://www.iowapolitics.com/index.iml?Article=76058>

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FLORIDA-13

(includes all of Sarasota, DeSoto, and Hardee counties)

Vernon 'Vern' Buchanan (R)

1st Term/50%

Replaces Katherine Harris (R)

- **Occupation:** Automobile dealer
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Joined the Michigan Air National Guard after high school, serving there for six years. Received a B.A. in Business Administration from Cleary University in Michigan, and a M.B.A from the University of Detroit
- **Other:** He was scheduled to serve as Chairman of Mote Marine Lab next year. State finance chair for Senator Mel Martinez's successful 2004 campaign; co-chair of the Republican National Finance Committee
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- On Protecting Costal Environment: "Florida's unique environment must also be protected. It is not only an important part of our quality of life, but our fishing and tourism industries depend on it. We must not allow off-shore oil drilling. We must do more to stem the problems associated with red tide. The Mote Marine Lab, where I will serve as chairman next year, is a world leader in oceanic aquaculture research. We'll keep working to understand and protect our coastal environment."
(<http://www.vernbuchananforcongress.com/issues/Issues.aspx?ID=22>)

WEB: <http://www.vernbuchananforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- "On the Issues: Vern Buchanan"
<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061106/NEWS/611060634>
- "Another Florida Voting Dispute"
http://www.sptimes.com/2006/11/10/Opinion/Another_Florida_votin.shtml

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PENNSYLVANIA-10
(includes most of Northeastern PA)

Chris Carney (D)
1st Term/53%
Replaces Don Sherwood (R)

- **Occupation:** U.S. Defense Department counterterrorism consultant; Professor
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Graduated from Cornell College in 1981 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and History; received a M.A. in International Relations from the University of Wyoming; received Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Nebraska
- **Other:** Carney is a signatory to PIRG's New Energy Future platform
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Carney supports federal tax credits and additional funding for programs that encourage the adoption of renewable sources of energy like hybrid technologies, geothermal energy, biodiesel, solar energy, and wind power. He believes we must encourage conservation and make investments in new, clean sources of power. Supports "clean coal." (<http://www.carneyforcongress.com/issues/#energy>)
- **On Appropriations:** Democratic leaders promised Chris Carney a seat on the influential Appropriations Committee, which he hopes to parlay into funding for research and development of alternative energy sources.
(http://www.cqpolitics.com/2006/11/repelect_chris_carney_dpa.html)

WEB: <http://www.carneyforcongress.com>

NEWS:

- "Vote for Carney: Give honor, integrity a fresh chance in Congress"
http://www.thedailyreview.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=17393968&BRD=2276&PAG=461&dept_id=465724&rfi=6

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FLORIDA-11

(includes Tampa and the southern section of St. Petersburg)

Kathy Castor (D)

1st Term/70%

Replaces Jim Davis (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney; County Commissioner
- **Offices Held:** Hillsborough County Commission
- **Education:** She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Emory University and a J.D. from Florida State University Law School
- **Personal:** She is the daughter of former United States Senate candidate, USF President and Education Commissioner Betty Castor
- **Other:** Served as local Environmental Protection Commission Chair in Hillsborough
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Air and Water:** Castor fought for higher detection air quality monitors for neighborhoods, expanded notice and other requirements for all neighborhoods after a manufacturing plant was located in a working class neighborhood without adequate input from the neighbors. Additionally, Castor has worked to protect local drinking water supplies. (<http://www.castorforcongress.com/node/88>)
- **On Energy:** Castor “has also pledged to stand up to big oil and corporate polluters, and will work tirelessly to protect the coastal communities and tourism-dependent economy of the Tampa Bay area from offshore drilling. She understands that only by advancing real energy solutions, such as increased fuel efficiency for automobiles, meaningful investments in clean energy technologies and conservation, can we end our addiction to oil and combat global warming.” (<http://www.castorforcongress.com/node/88>)

WEB: <http://www.castorforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “MacDill area proposal riles residents”
http://www.sptimes.com/2006/10/27/Citytimes/MacDill_area_proposal.shtml
- “We recommend U.S. House, District 11: Kathy Castor”
<http://www.bradenton.com/mld/bradenton/news/opinion/15782257.htm>

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NEW YORK-11
(includes parts of Brooklyn)

Yvette Clarke (D)
1st Term/89%
Replaces Major Owen (D)

- **Occupation:** Businesswoman
- **Offices Held:** City Council
- **Education:** Clarke earned a scholarship to Oberlin College in Ohio, where she completed most of her education before transferring to Medgar Evers College. She does not have a college degree. She was also a recipient of the prestigious APPAH/Sloan Fellowship in Public Policy and Policy Analysis.
- **Other:** Born to Caribbean Immigrants.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Urban Parks:** Clarke has “successfully provided capital funds for the improvement of local development projects, [such as] the redevelopment of the Prospect Park Playground, the Cortelyou Road Commercial Revitalization project, the Nostrand Avenue/Gateway Revitalization project, the establishment of the SUNY/Downstate Biotechnology Center, the Prospect Park South Historic District Revitalization, and new equipment and resurfacing for the Hamilton-Metz Playground.” (<http://www.voteyvette.com/reabout.htm>)
- **On Energy Efficiency:** “Clarke was the author of the New York Energy Star law, which mandated that city landlords purchase Energy Star-certified appliances for rental apartments.” (<http://www.voteyvette.com/reabout.htm>)
- **On Endangered Species:** “Clarke was the author of the New York Endangered Species Act, which prohibits the sale or purchase in New York City of products claiming to be or to contain an endangered or threatened species such as tiger bone, rhino horn bear bile, musk (derived from musk deer) and leopard bone.” (<http://www.voteyvette.com/reabout.htm>)
- **On Energy:** "This generation must find a good reliable alternative to fossil fuels to save the ozone and stop America's dependency on Middle East oil. We must push improvement in hybrid car technology and make alternative fuels easily available so people will buy them. We must block a Republican-led attempt to allow drilling for oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)." (<http://www.voteyvette.com/replatform.htm>)

WEB: <http://www.voteyvette.com/>

NEWS:

- “Yvette goes to Washington”
<http://www.amsterdamnews.com/News/article/article.asp?NewsID=72985&sID=4>

Natural Resources Defense Council



TENNESSEE-9

(includes most of Memphis and southwest Shelby County)

Steve Cohen (D)

1st Term/60%

Replaces Harold Ford, Jr. (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney; Elected Official
- **Offices Held:** Shelby County Commissioner, Assemblyman, State Senate
- **Education:** Cohen graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1971 with a B.A.. He also graduated from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) in 1973.
- **Personal:** Parents were doctors. Cohen had childhood polio.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES

- **On Energy:** Cohen favors: (1) major investments in developing other fuels as alternatives to continuing dependence on imported oil; (2) imposing an excess profits tax on oil and gas companies and investing that money in developing alternative fuels; (3) removal of recent tax breaks given to big oil and gas companies; (4) higher MPG standards for new cars; and (5) reinstating tax deductions or tax credits for winterizing home insulation. He also notes that he “opposes selling Memphis down the river by selling MLGW or any part of it to a big private sector energy company, trading a short-term wind fall for long-term higher prices.” (<http://cohenforcongress.com/issues-energy.html>)
- **On Environment:** Generally favors: (1) ensuring access to clean water and clean air; (2) support for measures to reduce the release of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere; and (3) placing public health and environmental concerns ahead of corporate interests and greed.

In particular, he has sponsored the Tennessee Used Oil Collection Law, the Tennessee Oil Spill and Environmental Preservation Act to prepare for natural disasters, the Rare Plant Protection Act, the Superfund bill providing for clean-up of hazardous waste, legislation protecting wetlands and city and state parks, and legislation offering incentives for carpooling and other energy conservation efforts.
(<http://cohenforcongress.com/issues-environment.html>)

WEB: <http://cohenforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Memphis seat stands out as only competitive congressional seat”
<http://www.starhq.com/html/news/articles/articles.asp?day=Monday&article=e2161bc-tn-congressadv0010.html>

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CONNECTICUT-2
(includes New London, Norwich, Groton)

Joe Courtney (D)
1st Term/50%
Replaces Rob Simmons (R)

- **Occupation:** Courtney is a partner in the law firm Courtney, Boyan & Foran; Town Attorney in Vernon, Connecticut.
- **Offices Held:** Courtney is a former State Representative. He made an unsuccessful bid for Lieutenant Governor.
- **Education:** He is a 1975 graduate of Tufts University. He earned a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1978.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Environment:** “Courtney understands that our success as a nation will depend largely on our ability to conserve our air, land, and water. Environmental protection and preservation are vital to our quality of life and when Joe Courtney is elected to Congress he will continue, as he did as a state legislator, to fight to enforce environmental safeguards and to implement additional legislation to improve the quality of our environment.”
(<http://www.joecourtney.com/issues.php#Environment>)
- **On Energy:** “We need a policy of conservation and an investment in new and alternative forms of energy that includes: (1) repeal the billions of dollars in subsidies and tax breaks given to the oil industry; (2) modestly increase fuel efficiency standards for sedans, light trucks and SUVs to reduce our reliance on foreign oil from unstable parts of the world; (3) pass an excess profits tax for Big Oil, supported by Sen. Chris Dodd, Rep. John Larson, and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, and use the revenue to support energy assistance funding and alternative fuel research. President Bush opposes this measure.” (<http://joecourtney.com/news/gasprices.html>)

WEB: <http://www.joecourtney.com/>

NEWS:

- American Chronicle: “Major Papers Agree: For Change in Washington, it's Joe Courtney for Congress” <http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=15588>
- Norwich Bulletin: “Environmental expert gives Courtney a boost;”
<http://www.norwichbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061028/NEWS01/610280319/1002/NEWS01>
- TheDay.com: “Simmons, Courtney In 8th Debate As Race Tightens;”
<http://www.theday.com/re.aspx?re=f0e971ba-0951-4bcc-bad4-8f134fa41b25>

Natural Resources Defense Council



TENNESSEE-1
(includes eastern Tennessee)

David Davis (R)

1st Term/61%

Replaces Bill Jenkins (R)

- **Occupation:** Businessman
- **Offices Held:** State Assembly
- **Education:** He received a B.A. of science in Organizational Management from Milligan College in 1991, an A.A.S. in Respiratory Therapy from California College in 1983, certification in Respiratory Therapy from East Tennessee State University in 1979
- **Other:** Member of the Sportsman Legislative Caucus in the Assembly, Member of the Farm Bureau
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Small Business and Government Bureaucracy:** “I believe government should work to remove the roadblocks that allow private industry to prosper and grow. As a small-businessman, I have seen first hand well-intentioned federal regulations that hinder the efforts of entrepreneurs rather than encouraging them. I will work to lower taxes for small businesses owners and make it easier for them to succeed in a competitive world.”
(<http://www.rightforcongress.com/page/page/2999825.htm>)
- **On The Environment, Energy and Drilling:** “I believe we have a responsibility to respect nature. My deep love for the environment is shaped by the gift that God has given us in our beautiful home here in East Tennessee. We should balance this appreciation with the necessity to become energy independent, and utilize our untapped oil and coal reserves in ways that will keep America strong and help us become independent.”
(<http://www.rightforcongress.com/page/page/2999825.htm>)

WEB: <http://www.rightforcongress.com/page/page/2999825.htm>

NEWS:

- “SEVIERVILLE - U.S. Congressional candidate Rick Trent, calling the last weeks of his campaign ‘hot and heavy,’ came to town Thursday to hammer out his message to voters.”
http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1211&dept_id=169689&newsid=17355545&PAG=461&rfti=9

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INDIANA-2
(includes South Bend)

Joseph 'Joe' Donnelly (D)

1st Term/54%

Replaces Chris Chocola (R)

- **Occupation:** Owns Marking Solutions, a printing and rubber stamp company
- **Offices Held:** Served on local school board and on Indiana State Election Board
- **Education:** Graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Energy independence is critical for our national security, our environment, and our economy...I will bring common sense solutions to Congress that focus on providing incentives to use hydrogen energy, plus ethanol and bio-diesel products made from corn and soy grown right here in our district.”
(<http://www.donnellyforuscongress.com/index.php?id=3,62,0,0,1,0>)

WEB: <http://www.donnellyforuscongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Donnelly ready to show voters made right choice”
<http://www.southbendtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061111/News01/61111035>
- “Congressional candidates: How can U.S. reduce dependence on foreign oil?”
<http://www.jconline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061024/ELECTION01/610240328>

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MINNESOTA-5
(includes Minneapolis)

Keith Ellison (D)
1st Term/56%
Replaces Martin Sabo (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Lindquist & Venum, Legal Rights Center, firm Hassan & Reed Ltd)
- **Offices Held:** State Legislature
- **Education:** He received a B.A. from Wayne State University and earned a J.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1990
- **Other:** He is the first Muslim in Congress.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** "I will not support any effort that will provide Wall Street investors with a short term financial gain at the cost of long term ecological degradation. We need to strive for energy independence through increased use of renewable energy. It is not too late to reverse the trend of global warming." Ellison endorses the Apollo Alliance.
(<http://www.keithellison.org/issues-environment.htm>)
- **On Transportation:** Ellison advocates: "Increasing funding for transit will help us be more equitable and sustainable... We need to reduce automobile emissions by increasing funding for transit and alternative transportation methods. I believe we need to increase fuel efficiency standards for all American made automobiles."
(<http://www.keithellison.org/issues-environment.htm>)
- **On Clean Water:** "I believe we need to strengthen the Clean Water Act."
(<http://www.keithellison.org/issues-environment.htm>)

WEB: <http://www.keithellison.org/>

NEWS:

- "First Muslim to be elected to US Congress?"
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3318872,00.html>

Natural Resources Defense Council



INDIANA-8

(includes Terre Haute, Green Castle)

Brad Ellsworth (D)

1st Term/61%

Replaces John Hostettler (R)

- **Occupation:** Sheriff
- **Offices Held:** Sheriff (elected)
- **Education:** Ellsworth attended the University of Southern Indiana where he received a B.A. in Sociology. He later received a M.A. in Criminology from Indiana State University.
- **Other:** During his 23-year career, he held every merit rank; twice decorated for heroism in the line of duty; describes himself as conservative.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Gas Prices:** "Tax subsidies were designed to help companies that are getting started, to help them get a grip so they can make it. ... It's been reported many times over the record profits these oil companies are making, and yet we continue to subsidize their business. They don't need it anymore."
(http://www.ellsworthforcongress.com/articles_details.asp?id=118)
- **On Ethanol:** "Why we don't have an ethanol plant, a biodiesel plant in every county in this area is beyond my understanding."
(http://www.ellsworthforcongress.com/articles_details.asp?id=111)

WEB: <http://www.ellsworthforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- Tribune Star: "The Tribune-Star Endorsed Brad Ellsworth"
http://www.tribstar.com/opinion/local_story_301225016.html?keyword=secondarystory
- Courier: "Ellsworth attacks Hostettler on 'big oil'"
http://www.ellsworthforcongress.com/articles_details.asp?id=118
- New York Times: "Profile"
http://www.nytimes.com/cq/2006/11/07/cq_1819.html

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OKLAHOMA-5
(includes Oklahoma City)

Mary Fallin (R)
1st Term/60%
Replaces Ernest Istook (R)

- **Occupation:** Public Servant
- **Offices Held:** Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma, Oklahoma House of Representatives
- **Education:** She received a B.A. from Oklahoma State University in hotel management.
- **Other:** She is the second woman elected to the United States Congress from Oklahoma and the first since 1921. Her parents both served as the mayor for Tecumseh, OK.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Opening access to prolific oil and natural gas reserves and increased refining and processing capacity are only part of the equation. Another is conservation. Some conservation will occur naturally as prices remain high. However we should explore new incentives to promote further conservation. These incentives might take the form of tax credits for companies and individuals who assist organizations that help the disadvantaged with winterization of their homes.”
<http://www.maryfallin.org/issues/energy.cfm>

WEB: <http://www.maryfallin.org/index.cfm>

NEWS:

- “5th District candidates spar at local debate”
http://www.mwcsun.com/local/local_story_296103927.html?keyword=secondarystory

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ARIZONA-8
(includes southeastern Arizona)

Gabrielle Giffords (D)
1st Term/54%
Replaces Jim Kolbe (R)

- **Occupation:** Managing Partner at Giffords Capital Management, a property management company based in Tucson
- **Offices Held:** AZ Senate and AZ House of Representatives
- **Education:** Giffords received a B.A. from Scripps College in 1993, and a M.A. of Regional Planning from Cornell University in 1996. She is also a Fulbright Scholar and a fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.
- **Other:** While serving as a senator, Giffords earned the Sierra Club's Most Valuable Player award.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Protecting the Environment:** Giffords believes in balancing population growth with conservation and open space needs. "We can enjoy strong economic growth and protect our natural heritage and our good-paying jobs at the same time."
(<http://www.giffordsforcongress.com/issues/the-environment-and-energy-independence/>)
- **On Renewable Energy:** "We should have a goal of 25% renewable energy consumption by 2025. I also favor increasing and extending federal tax credits for homeowners and business owners who purchase and install solar panels on their homes and businesses. This solution is particularly relevant to Southern Arizona, where our 350 days of sunshine per year can provide a permanent, non-polluting energy source for our families."
(<http://www.giffordsforcongress.com/issues/the-environment-and-energy-independence/>)
- **On CAFE:** "I think we should be increasing Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for our vehicles. Increasing fuel efficiency will save drivers money at the pump, lessen our dependency on foreign oil and reduce the air pollution and greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming."
(<http://www.giffordsforcongress.com/issues/the-environment-and-energy-independence/>)

WEB: <http://www.giffordsforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- "Giffords breaks GOP's grip on southern AZ district"
<http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/politics/154950.php>

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NEW YORK-20
(includes much of mid-eastern NY)

Kirsten Gillibrand (D)

1st Term/53%

Replaces John Sweeney (R)

- **Occupation:** Lawyer; U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department aide
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** She received a B.A. from Dartmouth College and her J.D. at UCLA
- **Other:** Interested in serving on Energy and Commerce Committee
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- On Energy: Gillibrand advocates for alternative energy sources, including tax incentives for the use of innovative, clean, efficient fuels; R&D for new energy sources; increasing incentives for alternative and efficient homes, farms and businesses; increasing CAFE standards up to 60 mpg; expanded funding for mass transit; improving the existing electric grid; and increasing LIHEAP funding. (<http://www.gillibrand2006.com/energy>)

WEB: <http://www.gillibrand2006.com>

NEWS:

- "Show candidates you care about global warming"
<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061022/COLUMNIS/TS07/610220333/1006/NEWS01>
- "Gillibrand, Sweeney on the Issues"
<http://timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=531430&category=REGIONOFTHE R&BCCode=&newsdate=11/3/2006>

Natural Resources Defense Council



NEW YORK-19

(includes southeastern corner of New York State)

John Hall (D)

1st Term/51%

Replaces Sue Kelly (R)

- **Occupation:** Musician and small business owner
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Studied physics at Notre Dame University and Loyola College until leaving to pursue a career in music
- **Other:** Co-founded Musicians United for Safe Energy; served as a board member of the non-profit Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Alternative Energy:** He proposes “an Apollo-program or Marshall Plan equivalent commitment to conservation and alternative energy: solar, wind, hydroelectric, bio-diesel, geothermal, and old-fashioned efficiency.”
(<http://www.johnhallforcongress.com/node/17>)
- **On CAFE:** We should “raise in CAFE standards.” He says, “Government must mandate what CEO's refuse to do in the public interest; high standards and incentives will move consumers and companies, especially if government at all levels favors efficiency in their fleet vehicle purchases.” (<http://www.johnhallforcongress.com/node/17>)

WEB: <http://www.johnhallforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “John Hall Criticizes Rep. Kelly's Environmental Record”
<http://www.johnhallforcongress.com/node/139>

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ILLINOIS-17
(includes mideastern Illinois)

Phil Hare (D)
1st Term/57%
Replaces Lane Evans (D)

- **Occupation:** District Director for Lane Evans
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** United States Army Reserve
- **Other:** Past union leader and served as President of UNITE HERE Local 617
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters

ISSUES:

- **On Alternative Fuels:** "I support the use of biofuels and the expansion of ethanol use. I will advocate for the usefulness of ethanol and its benefits, not only to the environment, but also to weaning ourselves off of Middle East oil and providing an opportunity to create jobs here in the 17th District." (<http://friendsofphilhare.com/IssueAgriculture>)
- **On Drilling:** During a debate, Hare talked about one campaign donation Zinga [his opponent] received that made him think that she has reason to vote for drilling. "My opponent took a \$5,000 check from ExxonMobil," he said. "I asked her to send it back." Zinga responded: "As for taking \$5,000 from ExxonMobil, you bet," adding she questioned Hare's acceptance of donations from trial lawyers.
(<http://www.reviewatlas.com/articles/2006/10/05/news/local/news3.txt>)

WEB: <http://www.friendsofphilhare.com/>

NEWS:

- "Zinga-Hare"
<http://www.reviewatlas.com/articles/2006/10/05/news/local/news3.txt>

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NEVADA-2
(includes Reno)

Dean Heller (R)
1st Term/51%
Replaces Jim Gibbons (R)

- **Occupation:** Consultant/Stockbroker (Bank of America and Pacific Stock Exchange)
- **Offices Held:** Nevada Secretary of State; Assembly member; Chief Deputy State Treasurer
- **Education:** He has a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Southern California
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made; Heller hopes to win a seat on the Resources Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure panel.

ISSUES:

- **General:** Believes that mining, agriculture and water rights are critical to Nevada. He says he has a reputation as a maverick on environmental issues.
(http://www.cqpolitics.com/2006/11/repelect_dean_heller_nev.html)

WEB: <http://www.deanheller.com/>

NEWS:

- Fox News: “Nevada Bucks Trend, Sends Republicans to Washington”
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,228109,00.html?sPage=fnc.politics.youdecide2006>
- KESQ NEWS: “Derby, Heller clash over taxes, war in Iraq”
<http://www.kesq.com/global/story.asp?s=5569982&nav=9qrx>

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INDIANA-9
(includes Bloomington)

Baron Hill (D)
1st Term/49%
Replaces Mike Sodrel (R)

- **Occupation:** Former Congressman; Executive Director, Indiana State Student Assistance Commission
- **Offices Held:** Member of U.S. House (IN-9)
- **Education:** Received a B.A. in History from Furman University
- **Other:** During previous tenure in Congress, Rep. Hill was a member of the Blue Dog Coalition and the New Democratic Coalition. Baron had a 95% LCV rating during his one term in Congress.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Baron Hill will fight to lessen our dependence on foreign oil by promoting ethanol - gasoline made from Indiana crops - and fight for incentives for bio-diesel fuel, wind energy, and increased tax credits for hybrid vehicles. Baron will also fight to cut high gasoline and home heating fuel prices that are hurting Indiana families.” (<http://www.baron2006.com/issues.php?PHPSESSID=dc0291db8b5fab182df2f1f46e29b96a>)
- **On Climate Change:** “If you mean, do I believe in the concept of global climate change, yes, I do. Global climate change is, in fact, manifested in overall temperature increases, but also exceptional temperature fluctuation and extreme weather activities. Unilateral government activity will have very little impact on limiting the production of greenhouse gases. That is why international cooperation is so important, even beyond just international security matters.” (<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061112/NEWS01/61111050/1008>)

WEB: <http://www.baron2006.com/>

NEWS:

- “Hill for Congress in Indiana’s 9th District”
<http://www.courierjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061027/NEWS0203/610270307/1071/NEWS0106>

Natural Resources Defense Council



HAWAII-2

(includes Honolulu)

Mazie Hirono (D)
1st Term/61%
Replaces Ed Case (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Deputy Attorney General in the Antitrust Division at DOJ, Shim, Tam, Kirimitsu, Kitamura and Chang)
- **Offices Held:** Hawaii State Legislature, HI Lieutenant Governor
- **Education:** Received a B.A. in psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1970; received J.D. Georgetown University Law School
- **Other:** Japanese immigrant
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- On Global Warming: “Just as with military strength, we must lead the world in environmental protection. This means we should ratify the Kyoto protocol and should participate fully in the international agreements that will preserve our world for our children.” (<http://mazieforcongress.com/index.cfm/preset/issues#15>)
- On Energy: “In addition to improving fuel efficiency, we need to harvest the benefits of clean energy. We should produce 20 percent of our electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020. This is a realistic goal. We can do it by establishing strong energy-efficiency standards for houses, buildings, and appliances, and by providing incentives for development of alternative energy sources.” (<http://mazieforcongress.com/index.cfm/preset/issues#15>)
- On CAFE: “Nationally, it means we must build cleaner cars and invest in cleaner energy. I would support increases in the CAFE standards to 40 miles per gallon, as well as revising CAFE tests to more accurately measure the fuel economy of cars, SUVs, and trucks. Further, we should eliminate the loophole that allows SUVs and light trucks to have weaker CAFE standards.” (<http://mazieforcongress.com/index.cfm/preset/issues#15>)

WEB: <http://mazieforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Hirono, Hogue far apart on issues”
<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061031/NEWS01/610310341/1001/NEWS>

Natural Resources Defense Council



NEW HAMPSHIRE-2
(includes Berlin, Concord, Keen, Nashua)

Paul Hodes (D)

1st Term/53%

Replaces Charles Bass (R)

- **Occupation:** Lawyer; musician; state prosecutor
- **Offices Held:** Assistant Attorney General of NH; Special Prosecutor, State of NH
- **Education:** Attended undergrad at Dartmouth College and received a J.D. from Boston College
- **Other:** Singer-songwriter of family-friendly rock-and-roll; chair and member of many community arts organizations; supported PIRG New Energy Future platform;
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made, interested in serving on Energy and Commerce Committee

ISSUES:

- **On Environment:** As Assistant Attorney General, Hodes prosecuted the state's first criminal case against an environmental polluter. (http://www.hodesforcongress.com/free_details.asp?id=7)
- **On Energy:** "New thinking on energy is an issue fundamental to our national security, our economic well-being, and protection of the environment. There are very few issues facing us right now that are as important, and that we have the ability to control. We will be more secure as a nation once we reduce our dependence on foreign oil and demonstrate our commitment to a sustainable energy policy. We must recognize the devastating effects our addiction to fossil fuels has caused in terms of climate change and environmental damage and recommit to clean air and clean water." (http://www.hodesforcongress.com/issues_details.asp?id=33)
- **Priorities:** "Initiating a new Manhattan Project that harnesses all of our scientific and engineering know-how to develop new and sustainable sources of energy and rid of us of our dangerous addiction to petroleum; re-committing government to the attainable goal of clean air and clean water; acknowledging science and working hard to address global warming." (http://www.hodesforcongress.com/issues_details.asp?id=33)

WEB: <http://www.hodesforcongress.com>

NEWS:

- "NHPIRG Congratulates Paul Hodes for Leadership on Clean Energy"
<http://nhpirg.org/NH.asp?id2=28679>
- The Cabinet: "Republicans hold Bedford seats"
<http://www.cabinet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061109/BEDFORD01/61109010>

Natural Resources Defense Council



GEORGIA-4

(includes parts of DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Rockdale counties)

Hank Johnson (D)

1st Term/76%

Replaces Cynthia McKinney(D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Johnson & Johnson Law Group LLC); Associate Judge of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County
- **Offices Held:** DeKalb County Commissioner
- **Education:** Johnson graduated from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) and Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Thousands of families across metro Atlanta are struggling to fill up the tank and make ends meet. We have to come to terms with the fact that gasoline is an energy source of the past. Let’s turn our attention to the development of more efficient alternative fuels such as ethanol, fuel cells, and hybrid technology.”
(<http://www.hankforcongress.com/issues/?id=0005>)
- **On Research and Innovation:** “I am very happy to see all of the enthusiasm and effort in the new ‘Think Green’ movement. I haven’t seen this kind of large-scale involvement in environmental issues in many years. It’s exactly where we should be going. If we fund the right research, support the right scientists, and plan sensibly, we can shape a future with affordable transportation, energy for our homes, and a healthy earth.”
(<http://www.hankforcongress.com/issues/?id=0005>)
- **On Climate Change:** “I will take seriously the threat of climate change and support stricter limits for industrial and automotive emissions.”
(<http://www.hankforcongress.com/issues/?id=0005>)

WEB: <http://www.hankforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Go with incumbents, for most part”
<http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/stories/2006/10/31/1101edcong.html>

Natural Resources Defense Council



OHIO-4

(includes Findlay, Lima and Mansfield)

Jim Jordan (R)

1st Term/60%

Replaces Mike Oxley (R)

- **Occupation:** Coach; Government Official
- **Offices Held:** Served in Ohio Senate and House
- **Education:** Jordan received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin. He earned a M.A. in Education from the Ohio State University and a J.D. from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.
- **Other:** While in Madison, Jordan was a member of the wrestling team where he won two NCAA and Big Ten titles.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- Never mentions environmental or energy issues. However, Jordan supported the interests of the Ohio League of Conservation Voters about 66 percent of the time in 2005.

WEB: <http://jimjordanforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Vote for Jordan”
http://www.thecourier.com/opinion/editorial/ar_ED_102606.asp

Natural Resources Defense Council



WISCONSIN-8
(includes Green Bay)

Steven Kagen (D)
1st Term/51%
Replaces Mark Green (R)

- **Occupation:** Owns an allergy clinic; physician
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Received his B.S. in Molecular Biology and his M.D. from the University of Wisconsin
- **Other:** Signatory to PIRG New Energy Future platform. Kagen was honored in 2005 by the EPA with a 2005 Children's Environmental Health Recognition Award for his creation of a 5th grade health education program that protects children from environmental risks.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Kagen has identified four essential energy goals: 1) emit less carbon dioxide and other pollutants; (2) invest heavily in renewable energy sources; (3) enable existing utilities to become sources of renewable energy; and (4) begin to decrease the effects of human activities on our environment. (<http://www.postcrescent.com>)
- **More on Energy:** Kagen supports legislation to promote energy efficiency through tax incentives, increase CAFE standards; and increased funding to develop fusion nuclear reactors. (<http://www.kagen4congress.com/kagenenergypolicy.html>)

WEB: <http://www.kagen4congress.com>

NEWS:

- "Oct. 14: Gard, Kagen square off"
<http://www.postcrescent.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061014/APC0101/610140655/1979>

Natural Resources Defense Council



FLORIDA-22

(includes Palm Beach and Boca Raton area)

Ron Klein (D)

1st Term/51%

Replaces Clay Shaw (R)

- **Occupation:** Florida State Senator (since 1996); Attorney law firm of Sachs, Sax & Klein, P.A.
- **Offices Held:** Florida State House Representative
- **Education:** Received a B.A. from Ohio State University and a J.D. from Case Western Reserve
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters

ISSUES:

- On Energy: “One of the most critical issues facing the conservation of Florida's environment is the threat posed by those who would open Florida's coastline to oil exploration and drilling.” (http://www.ronklein2006.com/issues_details.asp?id=20)

- On Global Warming: Klein said he's extremely concerned about global warming and will propose and support legislation to combat it. He criticized the Bush administration for abandoning the 1997 Kyoto treaty on climate change, which would have required industrialized countries to reduce emissions, although it exempted China and India. (http://www.ronklein2006.com/issues_details.asp?id=20)

WEB: <http://www.ronklein2006.com/index.asp>

NEWS:

- "Parties might find common ground on energy concerns"
http://www.sptimes.com/2006/11/13/State/Parties_might_find_co.shtml
- "Shaw seizes on environment in fighting strong congressional challenge by Klein"
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/broward/sfl-cenviroment30oct30,0,3890002.story?coll=sfla-news-broward>
- “Sierra Club Executive Director Lauds Ron Klein at Campaign Appearance”
<http://www.sierraclub.org/pressroom/releases/pr2006-10-17.asp>

Natural Resources Defense Council



COLORADO-5
(includes Colorado Springs)

Doug Lamborn (R)
1st Term/59%
Replaces Joe Hefley (R)

- **Occupation:** State Senator, attorney
- **Offices Held:** Colorado State House, Colorado State Senator
- **Education:** Received a B.A. in Journalism and a J.D. from University of Kansas
- **Other:** Lamborn's campaign for Congress was endorsed by the NRA, National Right to Life, and NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business).
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Eminent Domain:** “Doug believes that government should only interfere with private property rights in the most limited and compelling circumstances. The use of eminent domain for private development is an especially troubling trend. That’s why Senator Lamborn is so disturbed by the increasing use of eminent domain by all levels of government, as well as the Supreme Court’s ill advised decision in *Kelo v. New London.*”
(http://lambornforcongress.org/cms/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22)
- **On Endangered Species:** “Lamborn cited a need to reform the Endangered Species Act to allow freer real estate development. The law is exploited by activists to stop growth, and Lamborn would call hearings and lobby agencies to lighten up restrictions such as those protecting the habitat of Preble’s jumping mouse.”
(<http://colorado.mediamatters.org/items/200610100002>)
- **On Water:** “Senator Lamborn believes it’s essential to improve our state’s water infrastructure to meet future needs. This should include expanding existing dams and reservoirs, as well as looking at new storage projects. Restrictions placed on such storage projects and or water transfers should be viewed skeptically, especially when based on questionable science or politically correct environmental beliefs.”
(http://lambornforcongress.org/cms/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=31)

WEB: <http://lambornforcongress.org/cms/>

NEWS:

- “Taxes, alternative energy priorities in 5th District race”
<http://www.gazette.com/display.php?id=1322373&secid=31>

Natural Resources Defense Council



TEXAS-22

(includes Rosenberg, La Marque)

Nick Lampson(D)

1st Term/52%

Replaces Tom DeLay (R)

- **Occupation:** Former Teacher
- **Offices Held:** U.S. Representative for old TX-9, County property tax assessor for Jefferson County, TX (elected)
- **Education:** Lampson earned a B.S. in Biology and a M.A. in Education from Lamar University.
- **Other:** He has worked on seniors issues at the local and national levels as a director of the Area Agency on Aging, and a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- Lampson doesn't mention any environmental issues on his website, nor does there appear to be any press coverage on his environmental stance.

WEB: <http://lampson.com/>

NEWS:

- "Lampson pledges to restore civility, serve district's constituents"
<http://www.dfw.com/mld/dfw/news/state/15968660.htm>

Natural Resources Defense Council



IOWA-2

(includes Iowa City, and Cedar Rapids)

Dave Loeb sack (D)

1st Term/51%

Replaces Jim Leach (R)

- **Occupation:** Professor of political science (Cornell College)
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** He attended college at Iowa State University and earned a M.A. in Political Science, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- On Alternative Fuels and Renewable Energy: “Iowans deserve a national energy policy that benefits the Midwest, not the Middle East. Bio-diesel and ethanol are economic powerhouses for this region and we should continue to develop them. Iowa is a leader in wind technology and I believe Congress needs to stop rigging the markets in favor of big oil to let this clean, renewable energy compete fairly.”
(<http://www.loeb sackforcongress.org/issues/#spanclassblueProtectingOurEnvironment/span>)
- On Water Quality: “Iowans suffer from some of the worst water quality in the Nation; nitrogen runoff from agriculture is polluting our lakes and rivers. The Republican Congress’ solution is weakening clean water standards to save corporate interests money – I think the solution is actually making the water cleaner for our families. By improving technology and using smarter irrigation we can improve our water quality.”
(<http://www.loeb sackforcongress.org/issues/#spanclassblueProtectingOurEnvironment/span>)
- On Global Warming: “The devastating consequences of climate change became all too real after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita – we need to take action now to prevent future tragedies. Global Warming is the biggest environmental threat facing the world today and our government is ignoring it. By promoting conservation, energy efficiency and increasing fuel economy for vehicles (40+ mpg) we can take big steps towards curbing this growing problem.”
(<http://www.loeb sackforcongress.org/issues/#spanclassblueProtectingOurEnvironment/span>)
- On Polluter Pays: “Congress should remember the simple adage ‘you break it, you buy it,’ when corporations hurt the environment and make people sick they – not the victims – should pay.”
(<http://www.loeb sackforcongress.org/issues/#spanclassblueProtectingOurEnvironment/span>)

WEB: <http://www.loeb sackforcongress.org/>

NEWS:

- “Des Moines Register: New Congress must steer toward clean energy”
<http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061111/OPINION01/611110313/1035/opinion>

Natural Resources Defense Council

FLORIDA-16

(includes Charlotte, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach counties)



Tim Mahoney (D)

1st Term/50%

Replaces Mark Foley (R)

- **Occupation:** Businessman (Tecmar, Rodime Inc, Union Atlantic, LLC, Finance, Inc.)
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** He obtained a B.S. in computer science and business from West Virginia University in 1978 and an M.B.A from George Washington University in 1983.
- **Other:** Blue Dog; Mahoney describes himself as a fundamental Christian.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Lower energy prices by investing secure sources of fossil fuel & alternative energy technologies.”
(<http://www.timmahoneyforflorida.com/showpage.asp?page=issues.asp>)
- **On the Environment and Red Tape:** "Obviously, we have to enforce the rules to protect our environment, but sometimes the federal bureaucracy can cause more problems than it solves." (<http://www.timmahoneyforflorida.com/showpage.asp?page=issues.asp>)
- **On Alternative Energy:** He “advocates intense research into alternative fuels to reduce dependence of foreign oil. He said increased use of ethanol fuels could help the agricultural communities of the 16th District.”
<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061106/NEWS/611060455>”

WEB: <http://www.timmahoneyforflorida.com/ShowPage.asp?page=default.asp>

NEWS:

- “Palm Beach Post: Mahoney, Negron slam each others plans”
http://www.palmbeachpost.com/storm/content/nation/epaper/2006/10/25/a10a_district16_1025.html

Natural Resources Defense Council



CALIFORNIA-22
(includes Bakersfield, Atascadero)

Kevin McCarthy (R)

1st Term/71%

Replaces Bill Thomas (R)

- **Occupation:** Businessman (owner of Kevin O's Deli)
- **Offices Held:** State Representative
- **Education:** Earned a B.S. in marketing in 1989 and a M.B.A. in 1994 from California State University, Bakersfield.
- **Other:** Former Congressional staffer, became a Republican leader when he was a freshman in the State House.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Climate:** “California must continue to invest in cleaner and healthier energy technology that will enable us to meet growing demand, while protecting the environment,” McCarthy said. “Climate neutral power will enable us to expand our economy, reduce air pollution and secure a bright energy future for our state.”
(<http://republican.assembly.ca.gov/members/index.asp?Dist=32&Lang=1&Body=PressReleases&RefID=3134>)
- **On Energy:** He voted against the Renewable Diesel Fuel Requirements, the Energy Conservation bill and the Greenhouse Gases Emission Limits in the CA Assembly.
(http://www.vote-smart.org/voting_category.php?can_id=MCA32013&type=category&category=Environmental%2BIssues&go.x=8&go.y=8)
- **Other:** McCarthy received a “0” rating from the CA League of Conservation Voters, CA Park and Recreation Society and Sierra Club CA.

WEB: <http://mccarthyforcongress.com/bio.asp>

NEWS:

- “McCarthy for Congress”
http://bakersfield.typepad.com/editorials/2006/05/mccarthy_for_co.html

Natural Resources Defense Council



CALIFORNIA-11

(includes Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties)

Jerry McNerney (D)

1st Term/53%

Replaces Richard Pombo (R)

- **Occupation:** Expert in wind engineering and renewable energy
- **Offices Held:** None, ran for Congress in 2004
- **Education:** He initially attended the U.S. Military Academy, but resigned in protest to Vietnam War. He later earned his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, Clean Water Action Network

ISSUES:

- **On Environment:** “Taking care of our environment is part of taking care of ourselves. Nothing is more important to our health than clean air and pure water. These are not problems we face in some distant future or far off place. San Joaquin County, right here in District 11, has some of the worst air pollution in the country. As a result, our people suffer rates of respiratory illnesses – asthma, emphysema, etc. – that are off the charts. Our District also faces serious water problems – ground water contamination and shortages in a number of high growth areas. We have a levee system that is badly in need of repair. A major earthquake or flood could endanger the drinking water supply of millions of Californians and bring ruin to hundreds of thousands of farmers.”
(<http://www.jerrymcnerney.org/issues.asp#anchor8>)
- **On Energy:** “The United States needs a ‘sustainable energy’ plan because our economy depends on it, our environmental health requires it, and our position as a global leader requires it. We need a new model for the future and leadership on this issue now, before our reliance on fossil fuels results in a catastrophic collapse of the economy or the environment, or a large scale international conflict over the world’s oil reserves.”
(<http://www.jerrymcnerney.org/issues.asp#anchor8>)

WEB: <http://www.jerrymcnerney.org/>

NEWS:

- “Jerry McNerney: Saving California's 11th and the Environment from Rep. Richard Pombo”
<http://www.motherjones.com/interview/2006/11/mcnerney.html>
- CBS: “Success For Environmentalists In Nov. Election”
http://cbs5.com/local/local_story_314212457.html

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ARIZONA-5
(includes Scottsdale and Tempe)

Harry Mitchell (D)

1st Term/50%

Replaces J.D. Hayworth (R)

- **Occupation:** Public Official; Retired Teacher
- **Offices Held:** State Senator, Mayor, City Councilman
- **Education:** Holds a B.A. in Political Science and a M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Arizona.
- **Other:** His son, Mark, serves as the Vice Mayor of Tempe; there is a statue of Harry Mitchell in Tempe to honor his local leadership.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Mitchell will “work to raise fuel efficiency standards so that our SUVs can get the same gas mileage as a Toyota Prius.” He states that, “With the right leadership and smart investments, the United States can become completely energy independent. Instead of importing oil, our national goal should be to export energy across the globe.” (<http://harry2006.com/Issues.asp#Declare>)

WEB: <http://www.harrymitchellforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Republic: Mitchell over the Bully”
<http://www.harry2006.com/MediaArticle.asp?DocID=169>

Natural Resources Defense Council



CONNECTICUT-5

(East CT including New Britain, Waterbury, Danbury, Meriden)

Chris Murphy (D)

1st Term/60%

Replaces Nancy Johnson (R)

- **Occupation:** State Senator
- **Offices Held:** CT State Senator, Southington Planning and Zoning Commission
- **Education:** Received a B.A. in History and Political Science from Williams College and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut
- **Other:** During his tenure in the State House, Murphy wrote and passed laws to give towns more power over the siting of new power plants.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** Platform includes: “Get Tough with the Oil Companies; Require that Cars Be More Fuel Efficient; Help Consumers Buy Cleaner and More Efficient Vehicles; Invest in New Technologies and Mass Transit.” (<http://www.murphyforcongress.org/index.php?id=14>)
- **More on Energy:** “By 2020, 20 percent of all energy produced in the US should be ‘green’ renewable energy,” Murphy said. “And we can take the \$2.6 billion that we gave away to energy companies in the Bush energy bill that Johnson approved and redirect those tax incentives to consumers and businesses to help them buy emerging technologies such as fuel cells. If we do that, we can not only lower the cost of energy for people here in Torrington, but also promote the kinds of jobs that fuel cell energy is building right now,” Murphy said.
- **On Water:** “Murphy has a strong environmental record at the State Capitol. He wrote and passed legislation that would protect our pristine reservoirs from development.” (<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=15628>)
- **On Bedrocks Laws and Funding:** “One of the reasons I decided to run for federal office was because I couldn’t sit in Hartford, where we have made great progress on the environment, and watch Washington cut funding for open space preservation, gut environmental laws, and give away our resources to the highest bidder.” (<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=15628>)

WEB: <http://www.murphyforcongress.org/>

NEWS:

- "Chris Murphy, Former EPA Administrator Carol Browner and Local Environmentalists Rally for Change" <http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=15628>
- "Congressional candidates back renewable energy" http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/local/states/pennsylvania/counties/montgomery_county/15889283.htm

Natural Resources Defense Council

PENNSYLVANIA-8
(includes Bucks County)



Patrick Murphy (D)

1st Term/50%

Replaces Michael Fitzpatrick (R)

- **Occupation:** Lawyer; military prosecutor; college instructor
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Attended Bucks County Community College and received a B.S. in Psychology and Human Resources from King's College; received a J.D. from Widener University
- **Other:** Signatory to PIRG New Energy Future platform; allied with Blue Dog Coalition
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Environment:** Murphy believes we all have a responsibility to be good stewards of the earth. He advocates a flood mitigation plan and air quality improvements in Bucks County as well as a plan to preserve open space. Murphy has pledged to never allow drilling in the Arctic refuge. (<http://www.murphy06.net/issues.html#environmental>)
- **On Energy:** Murphy advocates developing alternative fuel sources, harnessing renewable energy and making American industry greener. He proposes offering incentives to industries that invest in alternative energy so that products like hybrid vehicles are more readily available to American consumers. (<http://www.murphy06.net/issues.html#environmental>)

WEB: <http://www.murphy06.net>

NEWS:

- New York Times: “Pennsylvania 8 Called for Democrat Murphy, Defeating Fitzpatrick”
http://www.nytimes.com/cq/2006/11/08/cq_1911.html
- Philadelphia Daily News: “8th District race attracts extreme help”
<http://www.philly.com/mld/dailynews/news/local/15917700.htm>

Natural Resources Defense Council



COLORADO-7

(includes Lakewood, Arvada, and Aurora)

Ed Perlmutter (D)

1st Term/55%

Replaces Bob Beauprez (R)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Berenbaum, Weinshienk and Eason)
- **Offices Held:** Served in Colorado State Senate
- **Education:** Studied Political Science, History and Economics at the University of Colorado at Boulder, graduating in 1975. Received his J.D. from Colorado University in 1978
- **Other:** He is a Trustee for the Midwest Research Institute (primary operator of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory)
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- On the Environment: Perlmutter wants to: “1) strengthen the Endangered Species Act; 2) protect ANWR and similar places from development; 3) fight efforts to weaken NEPA and other federal laws that preserve public involvement in the environmental protection process; 4) make climate change and global warming a policy priority and 5) increase the budget for our National Park System and other conservation programs in the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.” (<http://www.perlmutter2006.com/node/41>)
- On Energy: Perlmutter wants to: “1) commit to energy independence by doubling support for renewable and sustainable energy 2) expand the workforce at the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL); 3) make climate change and global warming a policy priority; and 4) mandate higher Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) standards.” (<http://www.perlmutter2006.com/node/42>)

WEB: <http://www.perlmutter2006.com/>

NEWS:

- “7th: Perlmutter defeats O’Donnell”
http://www.denverpost.com/extremes/ci_4620357

Natural Resources Defense Council



ILLINOIS-6
(includes Addison, northwest of Chicago)

Peter Roskam (R)

1st Term/51%

Replaces Henry Hyde (R)

- **Occupation:** Illinois State Senator (since 2000)
- **Offices Held:** Illinois House of Representatives (1993 – 2000)
- **Education:** Received a B.A. from the University of Illinois; received a J.D. from Chicago – Kent Law School
- **Other:** Former Congressional aide to Rep. Hyde (R-IL) and Rep. DeLay (R-TX)
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Environment Generally:** “Throughout my life, I have been a consistent voice for preserving and promoting the environment. We all have to live and breathe the same air and drink the same water. We all want open space, vibrant wildlife and a healthy ecosystem. My dedication to the environment dates back to the 1980's when my wife and I organized a curbside recycling program in my hometown of Wheaton, one that continues to this day. In my 13 years in the state legislature I have been a tireless advocate for the environment. Healthy communities and healthy families begin with a clean environment.”
(<http://www.roskamforcongress.com/roskamrecord/index.cfm?ID=11>)

WEB: <http://www.roskamforcongress.com/main.cfm>

NEWS:

- Chicago Tribune: “Roskam sets priorities for new seat”
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/custom/newsroom/chi-061109roskam,1,7281655.story?coll=chi-news-hed>
- ABC7 Chicago: “Roskam, Duckworth face off in 6th District debate”
<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=local&id=4689087>

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IDAHO-1
(includes Boise)

Bill Sali (R)
1st Term/50%
Replaces Butch Otter (R)

- **Occupation:** Professional musician, attorney
- **Offices Held:** Idaho House of Representatives
- **Education:** Graduated from Boise State University (member of the student chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers), and attended to law school at the University of Idaho
- **Other:** His father Gregory Sali worked in the nuclear industry in Portsmouth, OH. His father later worked for Combustion Engineering and was an avid miner. He was known as a divisive figure in the Idaho House.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Roadless Issues:** “The federal government should put roads back in roadless areas.”
(http://www.spokesmanreview.com/tools/story_pf.asp?ID=156236)
- **On Global Warming and Energy:** “I am not ready to say whether I believe in global warming ... regardless of whether the phenomenon exists, the government should boost alternative fuels to cut warming.”
(http://larrygrant.typepad.com/blog/2006/10/bill_sali_disre.html)
- **On Water:** “I want to protect natural resource jobs while fighting for Idaho’s water.”
(<http://www.billsali.com/>)

WEB: <http://www.billsali.com/>

NEWS:

- “Grant, Sali take combative tone in final debate”
<http://www.spokesmanreview.com/idaho/story.asp?ID=156236>

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MARYLAND-3
(includes Baltimore)

John Sarbanes (D)
1st Term/65%
Replaces Ben Cardin (D)

- **Occupation:** Attorney (Venable, specializes in healthcare); previously special assistant to the State Superintendent of Schools and President of the Public Justice Center
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** He attended the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton in 1984 and the following year studied law and politics in Greece on a Fulbright Scholarship. Graduated from Harvard Law School in 1988
- **Other:** Son of retiring Senator Sarbanes
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “Congress should commit to passing energy legislation ...that concentrates action in the following five areas: (1) consider Methods to deliver short-term price relief; (2) redirect corporate tax breaks benefiting large oil to consumers; (3) initiate a National project of developing alternative energy that would match the resources of the federal government with the entrepreneurial skills of private industry to create the next generation of clean, non-greenhouse gas producing energy sources...; (4) modernize our electricity distribution system; and (5) create a global strategy for energy development.” (<http://www.sarbanesforcongress.com/ht/d/sp/i/800473/pid/800473>)
- **On Environment:** “The [Chesapeake] Bay is under assault from a new and different set of threats – rather than the unregulated discharge of industrial wastes, the Bay faces its greatest challenges now from the steady destruction of open and undeveloped land, which acts as a buffer and filter for waters entering the Bay; from aging wastewater treatment systems; from agricultural run-off which is largely unregulated under the Clean Water Act; and from air deposition of pollutants generated many miles upwind of the Bay watershed.” (<http://www.sarbanesforcongress.com/ht/d/sp/i/791266/pid/791266>)

WEB: <http://www.sarbanesforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Sarbanes puts more than name into election bid”
http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2006/10_23-25/GOV

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PENNSYLVANIA-7
(includes suburbs of Philadelphia)

Joe Sestak (D)

1st Term/56%

Replaces Curt Weldon (R)

- **Occupation:** Navy Vice Admiral
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Holds a B.A. from The US Naval Academy and a M.A. in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University.
- **Other:** Served in the Navy for almost 31 years and retired in January 2006 after having received the rank of Vice Admiral
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Clean Water Action

ISSUES:

- **On Environment:** “As a member of Congress, I will work to: 1) Reduce our dependence on foreign oil; 2) Protect against unexpected price shocks by supporting legislation on gas price gouging; 3) Support the signing of the Kyoto Treaty to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; 4) Raise fuel economy standards on automobiles to at least 35-40 mpg; 5) Set 10 percent target for renewable energy and an ultimate target of 20 percent; 6) Invest in alternative technologies such as fuel cells and bio-diesel; 7) Strengthen “tailpipe emissions” standards; 8) Encourage energy conservation by restoring tax incentives for energy efficient vehicles and equipment; 9) Create an advanced research agency to produce new technologies that will reduce oil consumption, strengthen energy efficiency, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; 10) Offer tax incentives to businesses that utilize alternative fuels and other clean energy technologies rather than offering tax breaks to big oil companies; 11) Invest in infrastructure for E85 – a fuel blend that’s 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline and scarcely offered at service stations due to the high costs to mom and pop station owners to install the equipment; 12) Ensure that our government has the ability to enforce responsible clean air and water regulations and 13) Prohibit drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.”
(<http://sestakforcongress.com/issues/other-issues/>)

WEB: <http://sestakforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Sestak Unleashes Turnout Machine”
<http://sestakforcongress.com/latest-news/301>

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NEW HAMPSHIRE-1
(includes Southeastern part of New Hampshire)

Carol Shea-Porter (D)

1st Term/51%
Replaces Jeb Bradley (R)

- **Occupation:** Social Worker
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** She earned a B.A. in social services and a M.A. in public administration from the University of NH.
- **Other:** She was named to the Mayor's Taskforce on Senior Housing and worked affordable housing to the community. She is also the first woman ever elected to Congress from NH.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** “I will work to change America's current Energy plan,” which she says “formulated in a back room by Dick Cheney and Big Oil, has thrown us into greater danger and higher energy prices... The government has to invest heavily in research and development for alternate energy sources.”
(<http://www.carolforcongress.com/index.php?blog=5&cat=22>)

WEB: <http://www.carolforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Shea-Porter is Ready for Debate of a Lifetime”
<http://www.concordmonitor.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060907/REPOSITORY/609070310>

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NORTH CAROLINA-11
(includes Asheville)

Heath Shuler (D)

1st Term/54%

Replaces Charlie Taylor (R)

- **Occupation:** Former Professional Football Player, Real Estate Investor
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Shuler graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.A. in Psychology
- **Other:** Charter member and spokesman for the Friends of the Smokies, intends to join the Blue Dogs in Congress
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On National Forests:** "... I have led the fight here in Western North Carolina against the sale of our national forests and will continue fighting any attempts to deprive us of our land and our heritage... I will support commonsense forestry management that protects our forests, while not endangering jobs." (http://www.heathshuler.com/issues_details.asp?id=47)
- **On Clean Water and Air:** "As air pollution in other areas of the country has increased, we have seen the effects here in our mountains. In Congress, I will oppose efforts to weaken the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts so future generations can enjoy the amazing landscapes, views, rivers, and streams we have here." (http://www.heathshuler.com/issues_details.asp?id=47)
- **On Energy:** "Protecting our air quality also means making a real and lasting commitment to alternative energy, so we can end our reliance on fossil fuels – especially coal and oil. America needs an energy policy for the 21st Century that is not written by the big oil companies. We do not need more drilling. We need more ingenuity and forward-thinking." (http://www.heathshuler.com/issues_details.asp?id=47)
- **On Market Incentives:** "I will support market incentives and tax benefits to encourage more entrepreneurs and existing companies to expand alternative energy programs." (http://www.heathshuler.com/issues_details.asp?id=47)

WEB: <http://www.heathshuler.com/>

NEWS:

- Helenair Independent Record; "House victory offers strategy for Democrats winning in the South"
http://www.helenair.com/articles/2006/11/12/national/a10111206_02.txt
- Charlotte Observer: "In fierce campaign, Shuler dances between moderates and liberals"
<http://www.charlotte.com/mld/observer/news/local/15913565.htm>

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NEW JERSEY-13

(includes Hoboken City, Jersey City, Union City)

Albio Sires (D)

1st Term/79%

Replaces Bob Menendez (D)

- **Occupation:** Politician, Owner of the A.M. Title Agency Inc.
- **Offices Held:** State Assembly, Acting Governor, Mayor of West New York
- **Education:** Sires received a B.A. from Saint Peter's College in Spanish and Marketing and was awarded a M.A. from Middlebury College in Spanish.
- **Personal:** Sires' stepdaughter Tara Kole was a U.S. Supreme Court clerk with Justice Antonin Scalia after graduation from Harvard Law School last year.
- **Other:** Cuban American
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Brownfields:** While serving as Acting Governor periodically between 2002 and 2005, Sires helped streamline funding for cleanups of contaminated industrial 'brownfield' properties. (<http://www.albiosiresforcongress.com/about.php>)

WEB: <http://www.albiosiresforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- "Sires logical choice for 13th District seat"
<http://www.thnt.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061027/OPINION01/610270433/1079>

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NEBRASKA-3

(includes Grand Island, Scottsbluff, McCook)

Adrian Smith (R)

1st Term/55%

Replaces Tom Osborne(R)

- **Occupation:** Real Estate Agent
- **Offices Held:** Gering City Council, State Representative
- **Education:** After a year and a half at Liberty University, Adrian transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- **Other:** Very supportive of the Riverside Zoological Society
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- On Energy: “When I fill my gas tank my eyes spin as fast as the ever-rising dollar amount. Where would our economy and way of life be without abundant energy? There is no magic solution to our energy problems, and yet it makes sense to reduce our dependence on oil from the Middle East. Our need for energy is not going away, unless we want our way of life to return to cart-and-buggy days. We can find new and innovative ways to produce energy. We must continue to encourage the production and consumption of ethanol, biodiesel, and hydrogen cells, as well as the use of solar and wind energy. We must encourage, with the proper environmental safeguards, more drilling for oil and the building of more refineries.”
(<http://www.joinadrian.com/issue.htm#energy>)
- On Agriculture and Renewables: “...we should continue to explore alternative agriculture uses including renewable energy solutions such as ethanol and biodiesel.”
(<http://www.joinadrian.com/issue.htm#agriculture>)

WEB: <http://www.joinadrian.com/>

NEWS:

- “Erdman: Smith the Only Candidate with Record of Fiscal Responsibility”
<http://www.swnebr.net/newspaper/cgi-bin/articles/articlearchiver.pl?159223>

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OHIO-18

(includes Mt. Vernon, New Philadelphia and Chillicothe)

Zack Space (D)

1st Term/62%

Replaces Robert W. Ney (R)

- **Occupation:** Hotel developer; lawyer (focuses on consumer rights at Space & Space); former public defender
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** Holds a B.A. in political science from Kenyon College and a J.D. from the Ohio State University College of Law.
- **Personal:** Wife, Mary, serves as the Judge of the New Philadelphia Municipal Court.
- **Other:** He and his son Nicholas were the top fundraisers in each of the local American Diabetes Association's annual "feet to beat diabetes" walkathons. His parents immigrated here from Greece.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- Never mentions environmental or energy issues.

WEB: <http://www.zackspace.org/>

NEWS:

- "Space: Ney's Resignation is Long Overdue"
<http://www.zackspace.org/content/view/214/55/>

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OHIO-13

(including Lorain, Akron)

Betty Sutton (D)

1st Term/61%

Replaces Sherrod Brown (D)

- **Occupation:** Labor Attorney (Faulkner, Muskovitz & Phillips LLP)
- **Offices Held:** State Legislature; the Summit County Council and the Barberton City Council
- **Education:** Received a B.A. in Political Science from Kent State University. Attended law school at the University of Akron, where she received a Dean's Club Scholarship and earned both the American Jurisprudence Award and Federal Bar Association Award for Outstanding Performance in Constitutional Law.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- On Alternative Fuels and Hybrid Cars: "It is time to use America's technological know-how to reduce dependence on foreign oil and build a stronger economy by leading the world in the creation of new, clean energy..."
(http://bettrysutton.campaignoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={7B4FF5BC-F1CD-4EA2-953C-67E866D3C429}&DE={05A6C0B0-B21C-4911-A6F3-2BA26BBAA4E9})
- On Taxes and Energy: "We should stop giving oil companies huge tax subsidies and instead invest in clean, renewable energy...I will support tax credits for those who purchase domestically produced hybrid cars, increase mileage standards for cars, and invest in renewable energy that we can develop right here in Ohio."
(http://bettrysutton.campaignoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={7B4FF5BC-F1CD-4EA2-953C-67E866D3C429}&DE={05A6C0B0-B21C-4911-A6F3-2BA26BBAA4E9})
- On CAFÉ: "The time has come to increase mileage standards for cars, build more hybrids and make them more affordable so people can save money, use less gas and cut pollution."
(http://bettrysutton.campaignoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={7B4FF5BC-F1CD-4EA2-953C-67E866D3C429}&DE={05A6C0B0-B21C-4911-A6F3-2BA26BBAA4E9})
- On support the Blue/Green Alliance in Congress: "We need to embrace the initiatives supported by this alliance."
(http://bettrysutton.campaignoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={7B4FF5BC-F1CD-4EA2-953C-67E866D3C429}&DE={05A6C0B0-B21C-4911-A6F3-2BA26BBAA4E9})

WEB: <http://bettrysutton.campaignoffice.com/>

NEWS:

- "Foltin, Sutton face off on ethics, abortion, economy"
<http://www.chroniclet.com/Daily%20Pages/102806head12.html>

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MICHIGAN-7

(includes Waverly, Jackson, Adrian, Battle Creek)

Tim Walberg (R)

1st Term/51%

Replaces Joe Schwarz (R)

- **Occupation:** Minister
- **Offices Held:** MI House of Representatives
- **Education:** Attended Western Illinois University, Moody Bible Institute, Taylor University, Fort Wayne (formerly Fort Wayne Bible College), and Wheaton College Graduate School, earning his B.S. and M.A., respectively
- **Other:** Club for Growth candidate; advertises his direct email as timwalberg@msn.com
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Reducing Foreign Oil Imports and Drilling:** Walberg “supports the development of alternative sources of energy and drilling for oil in Alaska to reduce our dependence on Middle East oil imports.” (<http://www.walbergforcongress.com/issues/>)
- **On Eminent Domain:** Walberg “strongly disagrees with the Supreme Court’s Kelo decision which allows governments to take property from one private citizen to give to another private citizen.” (<http://www.walbergforcongress.com/issues/>)

WEB: <http://www.walbergforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Walberg/Renier Talk About Issues”
<http://www.wlns.com/Global/story.asp?S=5614780>

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MINNESOTA-1
(Includes southern Minnesota)

Tim Walz (D)
1st Term/53%
Replaces Gil Gutknecht (R)

- **Occupation:** Command Sergeant Major in the Army and geography teacher
- **Offices Held:** None
- **Education:** He earned a B.A. in social science education from Chadron State College in Nebraska.
- **Other:** After graduating college, he taught in China. Later, Walz established Educational Travel Adventures, Inc. conducting educational trips to China for high school students.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES

- **On Energy:** “We have constantly increasing options for renewable energy in bio-fuels, wind and solar that can be accelerated with government incentives. We also already know how to produce cleaner cars and trucks and reduce power plant emissions. And, we must promote investment in new technology for transportation, housing and appliances.”
(http://www.timwalz.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BF4087AC5-328C-4413-893C-AA89215E9960%7D&DE=%7B81C18E22-2880-48D8-AAE8-E6E4D24A7BE2%7D)
- **On Clean Air and Clean Water:** He says that “Our Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act are cornerstones of protection that must be maintained and strengthened in the face of Republican roll back efforts. We need new focus to address the largest sources of water pollution: sewage and storm water runoff.”
(http://www.timwalz.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BF4087AC5-328C-4413-893C-AA89215E9960%7D&DE=%7B81C18E22-2880-48D8-AAE8-E6E4D24A7BE2%7D)
- **On Preservation:** He opposes proposals to privatize National Forests, National Monuments, National Parks and wilderness areas.
(http://www.timwalz.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BF4087AC5-328C-4413-893C-AA89215E9960%7D&DE=%7B81C18E22-2880-48D8-AAE8-E6E4D24A7BE2%7D)

WEB: <http://timwalz.org/>

NEWS:

- “DM&E and Railroad Expansion”
<http://timwalz.org/vertical/Sites/%7BDD1DDF80-8E82-48D5-8648-607855AC529B%7D/uploads/%7BCBCD6A33-258F-4A7E-A267-FE4602707DCC%7D.PDF>

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VERMONT-AL
(includes Burlington)

Peter Welch (D)
1st Term/53%
Replaces Bernie Sanders (I)

- **Occupation:** President of Vermont State Senate
- **Offices Held:** Vermont State Senator
- **Education:** Attended College of the Holy Cross, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1969; received a J.D. from Boalt Hall, the law school of the University of California, Berkeley.
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made
- **Endorsements:** League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

ISSUES:

- **On Energy:** As president of Vermont’s Senate, Welch oversaw the passage of the Clean Energy Fund to support alternative energy projects, as well as a bill to increase the state’s use of renewable energy and local energy generation. He pledges to continue to fight for these causes so that the U.S. can reach energy independence by 2020, including increasing the fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks. (<http://www.welchforcongress.com/>)
- **On the Environment:** Welch was the original sponsor for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. Welch pledges for a national initiative to reduce the U.S. effects on global warming. He will support initiatives to improve clean water standards, reduce urban sprawl through sensible land planning and use methods, encourage sustainable forestry and tough air quality standards. (<http://www.welchforcongress.com/>)

WEB: <http://www.welchforcongress.com/>

NEWS:

- “Welch Lays Out Steps to Address Global Warming” (AP story) <http://www.welchforcongress.com/news/globalwarming>
- “Candidates Turning Green” <http://www.timesargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061022/NEWS/610220358/1002>

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OHIO-6

(Southeast part of state, bordering KY, PA and WV)

Charlie Wilson (D)

1st Term/62%

Replaces Ted Strickland (D)

- **Occupation:** Businessman (furniture, real estate and mortician)
- **Offices Held:** State Senate (Ranking Minority Member of Energy & Public Utilities), State Assembly
- **Education:** Graduated from Ohio University, graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
- **Other:** He was a write-in candidate during primary
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **On Coal:** “We now have the ability to burn coal cleanly. Investing in clean coal technology is an important way to create new jobs and opportunities. Moving forward with clean coal will also position the Ohio Valley as a leader in reducing our country's dependence on foreign oil.” (http://www.charliewilson.com/issues_details.asp?id=30)

WEB: <http://www.charliewilson.com/>

NEWS:

- “Wilson, Blasdel not far apart on some issues in 6th House race”
http://www.athensnews.com/issue/article.php3?story_id=26375

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KENTUCKY-3

(includes Louisville)

John Yarmuth (D)

1st Term/51%

Replaces Anne Northup (R)

- **Occupation:** Politician, former independent newspaper publisher (Louisville Today and the Louisville Eccentric Observer); Radio host
- **Offices Held:** none
- **Education:** He graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in American Studies
- **Other:** Worked for U.S. Senator Marlow Cook from 1971 to 1975
- **Committee Assignments:** Not yet made

ISSUES:

- **General:** “My chief priorities will be universal health care, stronger environmental protections, substantially changing or eliminating the No Child Left Behind program, and elimination of the Bush tax cuts for millionaires.”
- **On Gas Guzzlers:** “The single most significant thing I could do as a Member of Congress would be to try to promote a tax on larger engines (SUV's and pickup trucks).”
- **On the Star Program:** “I do believe the STAR program is an excellent addition to our environmental protection in this community.”
- **On Global Warming:** “I think the data says yes.”

WEB: www.johnyarmuth.com/

NEWS:

- Courier Journal: “Yarmuth for Congress from 3rd District”
<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006610290392>
- WAVE 3 TV: “Yarmuth Agonized over Decision to Run for Office”
<http://www.wave3.com/Global/story.asp?S=5649027&nav=0RZF>

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