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TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott Congratulates President Barack Obama *January 20*



Congressman David Scott (D-GA) issued the following statement recognizing the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama:

"Tomorrow the world will witness a defining moment in American history; a moment

that some of our most courageous and respected leaders have not only dreamed about, but have also made unparalleled sacrifices for," said Congressman Scott. **"This is an extraordinary moment for this country and I am just so truly proud to have the chance to witness this day."**

"As we face very challenging times in the days ahead, I have great confidence in the ability of President Obama to bring the people of this nation together and lead with integrity. I look forward to working with him and members of the administration. Congratulations to President Barack Obama, his wife Michelle, and the millions of supporters who helped to make this day a reality."

Congressman Scott Selected as Subcommittee Chairman *January 16*

House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry

Democratic Members of the House Committee on Agriculture met in an organizational meeting and selected Congressman David Scott to serve as chairman of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

"I want to thank Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson and my colleagues for selecting me as the new Chairman of the Livestock Subcommittee," said Representative Scott. **"As one of the nations' top producers of poultry and with thriving pork and cattle industries, Georgia is an important player in the livestock world. I am excited about the opportunity to represent Georgia on this important subcommittee. I look forward to working this session of Congress to keep America's meat and protein products safe and healthy."**

[Read more about the House Agriculture Subcommittees](#)

Representative Scott Votes to Protect PeachCare *January 14*



Today, Representative Scott voted to protect Georgia's children and supported H.R. 2 – State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization bill, better known in Georgia as PeachCare. The SCHIP Reauthorization bill of 2009 is an updated version of the bipartisan reauthorization bill vetoed twice by President Bush (H.R. 976). The bill reauthorizes the SCHIP program through fiscal year 2013 and provides federal funding to enable states to maintain their current programs and extend them to 4 million

additional uninsured low-income children. The legislation will also improve access to benefits for children by providing quality dental coverage and mental health services.

"During these unsure economic times with rising unemployment rates and unprecedented foreclosures, now more than ever this program is critical," said Representative Scott. **"We must ensure that all of our nation's children are provided quality health care and the opportunity to live healthy, productive lives. We have another opportunity today to protect and insure the 11 million uninsured children of this nation and I urge my colleagues to support what is right for our children."**

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Congressman Scott Supports Economic Assistance for Homeowners *January 15*

Today, Representative Scott voted in support of H.R. 384 – TARP (Troubled Assets Relief Program) Reform and Accountability Act of 2009. This new TARP bill amends the TARP provisions of the Emergency Economic Stimulus Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA) to strengthen accountability and oversight, close loopholes, increase transparency, and require the Treasury to take significant steps on foreclosure mitigation.



"As we look forward for solutions to the current economic crisis it is critical that we move aggressively with a strategy to restructure troubled mortgages and keep families in their homes," said Rep. Scott. **"This legislation takes significant steps to require the Treasury to take action against foreclosures and provides needed assistance to servicers who are working with families to modify existing loans. I am committed to the homeowners of this country and will continue to work tirelessly to keep hard working families in their homes."**

In Other News:

Congressman David Scott Applauds the Blue Eagle Marching Band of South Cobb High School *The Blue Eagles Delivered a Remarkable Performance at the 2009 Presidential Inauguration*

"It was such a proud moment watching the students from South Cobb High School marching down Pennsylvania Avenue," said Rep. Scott. **"These students put forth a tremendous performance and it was an honor to have such talented students representing the 13th Congressional District and the state of Georgia. Congratulations to Director Zachary Cogdill, each of the band members, the community that pulled together to get them to Washington, D.C, and the entire**

South Cobb High School."

Congressman Scott Responds to the Salmonella Outbreak and Recall of Peanut Butter Products

"I am gravely concerned about the ever-widening outbreak of salmonella related to peanut butter and peanut butter products processed by the PCA facility in Blakely. With almost five hundred reported illnesses and several deaths already, it is imperative that our first order of business be to identify any and all contaminated products and remove them from the shelves so that consumers are no longer at risk.

Secondly, the FDA, CDC and relevant state agencies must thoroughly investigate the causes of this outbreak so that future occurrences can be prevented. The FDA has received criticism in the past for its handling of such situations. As a Member of Congress serving on the Agriculture Committee, I take these allegations very seriously and will take a hard look at the structure and funding of the FDA and other food safety agencies, to ensure that they may properly do their jobs."

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Clayton News Daily

North Clayton Students Visit Congress

Fifty-five pupils watched debate bailout bill

Written by Curt Yeomans



Caption: Rep. Scott sits on the U.S. Capitol steps with students from North Clayton High School. The students traveled to Washington, D.C. to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama

Issa Kenyatta said he was surprised by what he saw during a visit to the U.S. House of Representatives last week with 54 other North Clayton High School students.

"It felt very busy," Kenyatta said. "I saw groups of representatives on the floor having their own conversations, while others were talking on their cell phones. Meanwhile, there was a bigger conversation taking place with speakers at the podium. I expected to see one person speaking, and everyone else sitting in their seats listening to that person."

The North Clayton students were in Washington, D.C., last week to attend President Barack Obama's inauguration. A day after witnessing that event, the students visited U.S. Rep. David Scott (D-Ga.) at the U.S. Capitol. Scott invited the pupils to visit the floor of the House chamber while representatives debated the Troubled Assets Relief Program Reform and Accountability Act of 2009.

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Congressman Scott Reminds Constituents to Get Ready for the Nationwide Transition to Digital Television- June 12, 2009



With the nationwide transition to digital television just months away, Rep. Scott reminds constituents that on **Friday, June 12, 2009** analog television sets that receive signals over the air, and not from cable or satellite, will need a digital-to-analog converter box to display digital signals.

For more information on the digital television transition visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 770-210-5073.

Local Grant Awards

The Department of Justice

Byrne Discretionary

- *Georgia Tech Applied Research Corp.*- \$750,000

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Section 811

- *Right in the Community*- \$450,900

Family and Self Sufficiency Program

- *Housing Authority of the City of College Park*- \$63,118
- *City of Marietta, Housing Choice Voucher Program*- \$56,133

The Department of Homeland Security

Basic Operations and Safety

- *Union City Fire Department*- \$12,141

What's Happening in Congress?

Currently on the House Floor

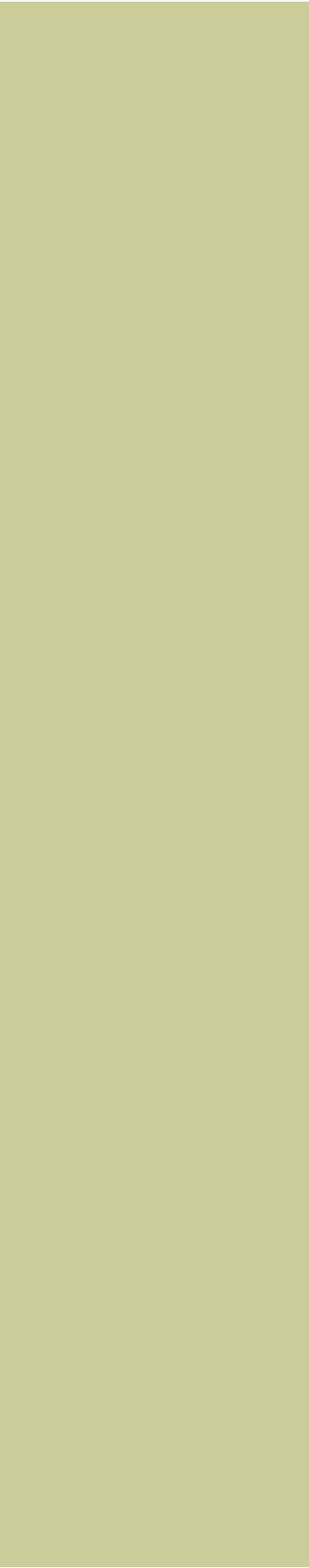
Keep track of the latest developments and votes on legislation being considered in the House.

Current Proceedings

Weekly Senate Schedule

See what bills and what amendments will be discussed in the Senate this week, courtesy of the Senate's official website.

Senate Calendar



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