Democrats

Signed Into Law...



- Health Insurance Reform, to recognize health care as a right, not a privilege and put a stop to the worst abuses by insurance companies including discrimination against people with pre-existing medical conditions. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- The Economic Recovery Act, to save and create millions of jobs and cut taxes for 98 percent of Americans. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, to make the largest investment in college aid in American history. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- Wall Street Reform, to rein in reckless practices on Wall Street, end taxpayer-funded bail-outs and "too big to fail" institutions, and protect and empower consumers. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- Extension of Unemployment Benefits, to extend benefits to millions of Americans who have lost their jobs in the Bush recession and to stimulate economic activity.
- Cash for Clunkers, to jumpstart America's auto industry and spur the sale of 700,000 new vehicles. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- Credit Card Holders Bill of Rights, to ban the worst practices by credit card companies and provide tough new consumer protections.[OPPOSED BY HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERS]
- **Hate Crimes Prevention**, to extend federal protection to people who are victims of violent crime because of their gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.
- The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act, to save or create the jobs of 161,000teachers, and thousands of police officers, and firefighters while closing tax loopholes that encourage big corporations to ship American jobs overseas.
- The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, to restore the rights of women and other workers to challenge unfair pay and help close the wage gap where women earn 78 cents for every \$1 that a man earns in America. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- The HIRE Act, to provide tax incentives for businesses to hire more Americans (4.5 million already) and unleashing billions of dollars to rebuild highways and other infrastructure and crack down on offshore tax havens.
- The Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act, to boost the American economy and create jobs, expand the 1st time homebuyers' tax credit, and enhance tax relief for small businesses.
- The U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act, to help American manufacturers compete by temporarily suspending or reducing duties on materials and products which are not made domestically.
- **Children's Health Insurance legislation,** to provide affordable health care coverage to 11 million children, who would otherwise go without coverage.
- **Tobacco Regulation**, to have the FDA regulate the manufacture and marketing of tobacco, especially to children.

- **Budget Blueprint**, to create jobs through investments in health care, clean energy, and education, reduce taxes for most Americans, and cut the Bush-deficit in half by the year 2013.
- Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO), to bring back the Clinton-era rule that requires all new policies that reduce revenues or expand entitlement spending be offset over five and ten years and therefore not increase the deficit. This spending rule led to the record surpluses during the Clinton Administration.
- Stem Cell Research, to end former President Bush's ban on federal funding for lifesaving embryonic stem cell research. [ENACTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER]
- Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services, to provide help for those who provide care to disabled, sick, or injured veterans and improve health care services to women veterans.

Passed by the House...

- Repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' to end this outdated policy, contingent on the certification that military review was completed and that repeal would not impact readiness.
- The American Clean Energy and Security Act, to create millions of clean energy jobs, bring about historic reductions in pollution that causes climate change, and reduce America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- The DISCLOSE Act, to respond to the Supreme Court's decision on Citizens United that threatens corporate takeover of our elections. The measure requires CEOs to stand by the political advertising funded through their corporate treasuries, expands disclosure requirements, and prohibits foreign countries from exercising influence in the funding of U.S. elections.
- The American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act, to close tax loopholes that reward corporations for shipping American jobs overseas.[OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- **Jobs for Main Street Act**, to create and save jobs through investments to hire more teachers, police officers, fire fighters, rebuild highways and mass transit systems, and boost small businesses. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS] Small
- **Business Jobs and Credit Act**, to establish a \$30 billion lending fund to help community banks provide loans to small businesses.[OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- The America COMPETES Act, to reauthorize this legislation that aims to create millions of American jobs in science and innovation while reasserting America's economic and technological leadership throughout the world. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]
- **Response to the BP Oil Spill,** to eliminate the \$75 million cap on oil company liability, restore the Gulf Coast, increase safety requirements and oversight on offshore drilling, and protect local residents.
- **Home Star Jobs legislation**, to incentivize consumers to make their homes more energy efficient, create 168,000 jobs, reduce energy bills for 3 million families, and reduce America's dependence on fossil fuels and foreign oil.