

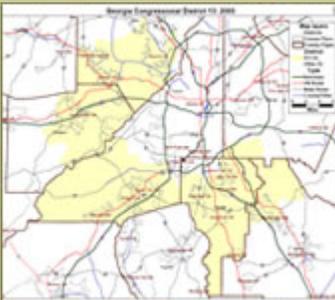


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TOP NEWS:

Congressman Scott Ranked 10th Most Powerful Member of the House International Relations Committee in the 2007 Pre-Season Power Rankings November 29

Power Rankings for Congressman David Scott

#121 out of the 435 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

10th Most Powerful Members of the House International Relations Committee

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Congressman Scott Recognizes November as American Diabetes Month November 27

As the number of Americans with diabetes is at an all time high and another 54 million people are at-risk, I am pleased to join with colleagues and millions of Americans in recognizing November as American Diabetes Month.

Raising awareness about the devastating effects diabetes can have on people and their families must not go overlooked. Many people do not realize Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness among adults between the ages of 20 and 74 years old. It also contributes to serious health problems such as heart disease, stroke and kidney failure. Nationwide, 20.8 million people, or 7 percent of the population, have diabetes. Further, 14.6 million people have been diagnosed, 6.2 million are undiagnosed, at least 54 million people are pre-diabetic in this country and 246 million people have diabetes worldwide. These are startling statistics and the numbers continue to rise. It is crucial America improves upon its diet and exercise habits. Granted, additional research into treatments and cures are of importance, as well, but preventative measures of utmost need as this disease is clearly an epidemic.

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PeachCare funding in jeopardy after veto **Congressman Scott urges 1-year extension, or override** *November 24*

Some 280,000 children in Georgia will be without health care in January, unless the Congress overrides a presidential veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program -- also known as PeachCare in the state of Georgia -- or the program is given a one-year extension, says U.S. Rep. David **Scott** (D-Ga.).

"Insuring our children is the most cost-effective method," to lowering the cost of health care, said **Scott**. "It costs less than \$3.50 a day to cover a child through this PeachCare program ... less than it costs for a pack of cigarettes. This is a very curious example of what is wrong with the priorities in this country."

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Scott delivers keynote address at the noon GreyStone Power Luncheon held by the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce *November 21*

U.S. Rep. David Scott, 13th District Democrat, pledged to keep working for PeachCare funding and to continue supporting water conservation measures.

Scott also named some local programs he has supported, which have brought federal funding to Douglas County, including:

- \$550,000 for widening the Lee Road bridge over Interstate 20, to provide 12-foot lanes on each side, along with a six-foot middle barrier and five-foot sidewalks;
- \$550,000 for Inner Harbour's neuro feedback program, based on brainwave research, to help children;
- \$200,000 to the county court system and \$170,000 to the Douglasville Police Department;

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Preserving the American Dream by Protecting Homeownership *November 20*

The facts are that 40% of loans originated in the 13th District during 2005-2006 were sub-prime, one in six sub-prime loans in the district will ultimately end in foreclosure and sub-prime foreclosures will result in price declines for more than 118,000 surrounding homes, which will result in homeowners losing \$158 million in equity. With H.R. 3915- the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, Americans will be protected against predatory lenders, consumers will be ensured of acquiring good loans, credit availability will be preserved, lender and consumer interests will be aligned, consumers will get a simple, understandable and meaningful disclosure of their loans terms and mortgage originators will no longer have incentives to steer consumers into bad loans. To me, all involved should get behind this strong and comprehensive legislation as it is time to do something about this housing mess for not only our economy but those specifically affected, millions of Americans.

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Major Predatory Lending Bill Passes First Hurdle Congressman David Scott - “Georgia needs relief ASAP” *November 14*

Congressman David Scott praised the passage of H.R. 3915, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007, from the House Financial Services Committee.

“Georgia has been hit hard by home foreclosures – Georgia needs relief as soon as possible,” Congressman Scott said. **“This legislation will stop the all too common practices of steering people into loans they cannot afford. Further, it will stop the practice of creative loan financing to unnecessarily increase the fees and costs to write the loan. Many Georgians are already too far into default for this legislation to help, but we must work to stop the predatory lending cycle now.”**

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Congressman Scott Honors Our Veterans *November 11*

As a representative to the United States Congress for nearly six years now, I have worked tirelessly to represent the interests of the active duty and retired military who call the 13th District home. On this Veterans Day, let us remember our family, friends and neighbors who have proudly worn the uniform. We are forever grateful for their service and we will continue to work persistently to ensure our nation’s veterans will want for nothing. God bless.

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House Passes Spending Bill Including \$325,000 for Clayton State University *November 6*

Congressman David Scott (D-GA) announced the inclusion of \$325,000 for Clayton State University’s development of an archival graduate program in a bill that provides Fiscal Year 2008 funding for the Federal Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. The House of Representatives is expected to pass the spending bill today which also includes funding for Veterans and Military projects.

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Congressman David Scott Announces \$459,700 in Funding for Fulton County *November 6*

Congressman David Scott announced that federal funds totaling **\$459,700** have been awarded to important projects in Fulton County. These awards include **\$334,700** for Grady Health system to upgrade electronic medical records and **\$125,000** to assist the county’s Department of Mental Health with creating a jail diversion program. These projects were included in the bill funding the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education for Fiscal Year 2008, which was passed by the House of Representatives today.

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In Other News:

2007 Medicare Open Enrollment Factsheet *November 15*

Open enrollment period. From November 15th until December 31st, Medicare beneficiaries can enroll in a new prescription drug or Medicare Advantage plan. Beneficiaries in every state must choose from more than 50 plans that vary in terms of monthly premiums, co-pays and restrictions on coverage of prescription drugs.

Beneficiaries should seek independent assistance to choose from the numerous Medicare plan options. Beneficiaries should call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) or call their State Health Insurance Assistance Program for free personalized health insurance counseling. See the "Medicare & You" handbook or call the 1-800-Medicare for the telephone number in your state. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. People who use the Internet can also search for plans at www.medicare.gov.

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Easy Ways to Do Your Part and Help Conserve Water *November 27*

In the Kitchen

Refrigerate a bottle or glass of water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water runs cold.

Defrost Sensibly. Plan ahead and defrost foods overnight in the refrigerator. Do not use running water. Use the microwave or put wrapped food in a bowl of cold water.

Reduce Dishwashing. Use rubber spatula to scrape dishes clean to limit pre-rinse. Limit dishwasher use to full loads.

In the Bathroom/Laundry Room

Do not use the toilet as a trash can. *Every flush you eliminate can save between two and seven gallons of water.*

Use a glass for rinse water *when brushing teeth or shaving instead of letting the faucet run.*

Wash only full loads of laundry.

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Preparing for the Holidays: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Toy Hazard Recalls *November 29*

Help keep your family safe this holiday season by checking product recalls and safety news from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products.

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Weekly Senate Schedule

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Legislative News:

Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

⇒ **H.R. 3685 – Employment Non-Discrimination Act**

Makes it an unlawful employment practice for covered entities (employers, employment agencies, labor organizations, or joint labor-management committees) to discriminate against an individual on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation, including actions based on the actual or perceived sexual orientation of a person with whom the individual associates or has associated.

⇒ **DS voted FOR HR 3685; HR 3685 passed 235-184 (11-7-07)**

⇒ **H.R. 3355 – Homeowner's Defense Act**

Establishes a consortium for state-sponsored insurance funds to voluntarily pool their catastrophe risk with one another, and then transfer that risk to the private markets through the use of catastrophe bonds and reinsurance contracts. Following the risk transfer, state-sponsored insurance funds will be better protected and increasingly able to provide services for those who are not able to find insurance on their own.

⇒ **DS voted FOR HR 3355; HR 3355 passed the House 285-155 (11-8-07)**

⇒ **H.R. 3915 – Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act**

Creates a new licensing structure for mortgage bankers to ensure they are licensed and held accountable for the quality of the loans they originate and will also create a new minimum standard for mortgages with protections to ensure all loans are properly underwritten. This provision will also ease the way for high quality or "qualified mortgages" to be securitized as this is especially important because it will ensure continued liquidity in the mortgage securities market.

⇒ **DS voted FOR HR 3915; HR 3915 passed 291-127(11-15-07)**