

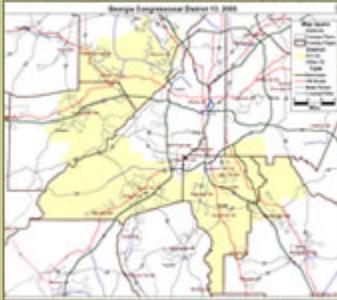


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13th DISTRICT UPDATE

TOP NEWS:

Tips for Avoiding Foreclosure *October 24*

Are you having trouble keeping up with your mortgage payments? Have you received a notice from your lender asking you to contact them?

- Don't ignore the letters from your lender
- Contact your lender immediately
- Contact a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency
- Toll FREE (800) 569-4287
- TTY (800) 877-8339

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Congressman David Scott Supports Breast Cancer Awareness and Research *October 19*

This October, we acknowledge, celebrate and honor the thousands of women throughout the country who have been diagnosed, are currently fighting or have survived breast cancer.

As the husband of a courageous wife who survived this disease, I, as many others, have been affected personally. I understand the struggle, pain and, sometimes, heartache it can inflict on the person diagnosed, in addition to family and friends. I believe we all have been affected by breast cancer in some way, whether it is a spouse, daughter, mother or grandmother.

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Congressman Scott Introduces Legislation to Alleviate Water Crisis *October 18*

Members of Georgia's congressional delegation have introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House to alleviate the current water crisis by allowing states suffering from droughts to be exempt temporarily from the Endangered Species Act, which in Georgia is threatening our low water supply by taking away large amounts of water from north Georgia and sending it downstream to protect mussels and sturgeon in Florida.

Congressman David Scott, D, (GA-13) said, "This drought impacting Georgia is a crisis of the highest magnitude and we must act immediately. The Georgia delegation agrees that we must take important legislative steps to help Georgians maintain adequate supplies of drinking water."

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Congressman Scott Decries SCHIP Failure *October 18*

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives fell short of the vote needed to override the President's veto of the bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), also known as Peachcare, 273 to 156.

"The American people have overwhelmingly supported this bill to reauthorize CHIP and it breaks my heart to know that there are thousands of children who deserve healthcare and will be denied access to it because of the President's choice to veto this bill," Congressman Scott said. "I will continue to work with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to get this legislation passed and provide health coverage to those ten million children in need."

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Congressman Scott Participates in NATO Meetings *October 2*

Congressman David Scott announced that he will join the NATO Parliamentary Assembly October 5-9, 2007 in Reykjavik, Iceland. Congressman Scott and other members of the U.S. delegation will meet with their legislative counterparts from NATO's 26 member nations.

"I am honored to join our delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly," said Congressman Scott. "I plan on speaking with our allies on global warming, the war on terror and the Iran Sanctions Act, which tightens economic sanctions in order to halt Iran's efforts to develop nuclear weapons. We must resolve to use every available peaceful means, economic, political and diplomatic, to stop Iran's military buildup."

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In Other News:

Scott Discusses Middle Eastern Policy on C-SPAN's Washington Journal *October 24*

U.S. Congressman David Scott (D-GA) discussed Middle Eastern policy and Secretary Rice's testimony to the Foreign Affairs Committee on the Washington Journal, C-SPAN's live nationwide program on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

The Washington Journal is a nationwide, live program facilitated by a host who speaks one-on-one with Congressional members for 5-7 minutes and then allows viewers to join the discussion by calling from across the nation with questions.

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Scott Delivers Keynote Address at Emory University School of Law *October 13*

Congressman David Scott [D-GA] delivered the keynote address for the Emory University School of Law, 4th Annual Public Interest Law Conference. During his keynote address, Congressman David Scott shared updates on **John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Act of 2007 (H.R. 916)**, a legislative bill authored by Congressman Scott that promotes a loan repayment program for law school graduates who commit to serve as criminal prosecutors or public defenders. H.R. 916 passed the U.S. House of Representatives 341-73 and has been placed on the U.S. Senate calendar.

Kimberly Bird Named Top Child Care Provider in the United States *October 11*

This week, Fairburn resident Kimberly Byrd was recognized as one of the eighteen best child care providers in the country. Earlier this year, Mrs. Byrd was also featured as a “Provider of the Week” on the award-winning PBS program *A Place of Our Own*. This daily television series, devoted to the needs of individuals who care for children, sponsored the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with BP and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Congressman Scott made the following statement:

“The research in early childhood is very clear: whether by parenting or other child care means, children need consistent and quality care in order to enter school prepared to succeed. Mrs. Byrd’s instruction and activities clearly demonstrate a commitment to school preparedness. I especially admire her dedication to caring for children with developmental disabilities. She is doing exemplary work in our community and serves as a model for child care providers across our nation. Once again, congratulations to Kimberly on this achievement.”

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Legislative News:

Recent Votes by Congressman Scott:

⌘ **H.R. 928 – Improving Government Accountability Act**

Legislation to provide greater independence and accountability for Inspectors General in executive branch departments and agencies By Amends the Inspector General Act of 1978 to allow an Inspector General (IG) to be removed from office prior to the expiration of his or her term only on the grounds of either: (1) permanent incapacity; (2) inefficiency; (3) neglect of duty; (4) malfeasance; or (5) conviction of a felony or conduct involving moral turpitude.

⌘ **DS voted FOR HR 928; HR 928 passed 404-11 (10-3-07)**

⌘ **H.R. 3648 – Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act**

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income amounts attributable to a discharge of indebtedness incurred to acquire a principal residence. Limits to \$2 million the excludable amount of such indebtedness. Reduces the basis of a principal residence by the amount of discharged indebtedness excluded from gross income.

⌘ **DS voted FOR HR 3648; HR 3648 passed 386-27 (10-4-07)**

∴ **H.R. 2895 – National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act**

Establishes in the Treasury the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund with a goal of producing, rehabilitating and preserving 1.5 million housing units over the next 10 years. The bill will initially allocate between \$800 million and \$1 billion annually directly to states and local communities, without increasing government spending or the federal deficit.

∴ **DS voted FOR HR 2895; HR 2895 passed the House 264-148 (10-10-07)**

∴ **H.R. 3867 – Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act**

Amends the Small Business Act to, among other things: require federal procurement opportunities for small businesses owned and operated by service-disabled veterans or located in historically underutilized business zones (HUBZones); require the Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator to implement an executive order which requires the provision of federal contracting assistance to small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; increase the limits on 8(a) loans awarded to various types of small businesses.

∴ **DS voted FOR HR 3867; HR 3867 passed 334-80 (10-30-07)**