



THE DAVIS DOCKET

This week in Washington...

Dear 7th District Constituent,

In this new 114th Congress, I remain committed to my duty to create a better America and improve lives of my constituents in 7th District of Illinois. To reach this end, I will serve on the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means, and on two subcommittees, Health as well as Human Resources, with special focus on issues of taxation, job creation, poverty, health care, education, youth and criminal justice reform.

To keep you informed on various issues that we are working on in DC, the weekly Davis Docket will provide an overview of the debate in the Capitol. If you have any further suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

The Week in Washington.....

As your representative, I very much appreciate your calls, emails and feedback. Your comments are important and valuable to help me improving our District.

In the past weeks, Congress has been dealing with a number of issues in your interests. On Energy and Environmental issues, I stand with you and agree that we are responsible to our environment and that we have to start thinking of sustainability for our future generation. ***That is why I voted no on the passage of the bill on Keystone Pipeline on January 9, 2015, as well as the H.R. 161 Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act.***

As many of you, I share with you the concern that our country needs a comprehensive immigration reform and we should not roll back the progress on the existing reform efforts and based on this rationale ***I voted no to the proposed bill H.R. 240 on Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.***

At the same time, I am here to promote the interests of American citizens, workers and taxpayers and I stand firm on the position that we need a joint effort to create a better America. We need policies that will boost job growth, strengthen families, increase wages, and enhance access to education. However, we must not forget the veterans, the retirees, and the vulnerable, and ensure that they all receive social services they are entitled to. ***I voted no on H.R. 7 to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions and on H.R. 30 (Save American Workers Act of 2015) that aimed to strip away the right to a health insurance of many workers.***

On the other hand, I supported the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act (H.R. 203), the Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act (H.R. 33). This week I support a number of bills that will tackle the problem of human trafficking in our country. ***It is delightful that Congress passed such bills with clear consensus, namely the H.R. 469 Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act of 2015 and H.R. 246 to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.***

In addition, despite the fact that our economy has seen recovery and has proven to be resilient, we must enforce rules that will prevent future financial crises. I trust that Congress should play a key role in regulation and oversight, which explains why ***I oppose the H.R. 37, the Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act and H.R. 185, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015.***

Last but not least, I plan to introduce legislations in this Congress that will further address the criminal justice reform as well strengthen the families in need. If you are interested, please look out for my interview session on the Comcast Newsmaker's segment by clicking on this link <http://comcastnewsmakers.com/2015/01/23/prisoner-reentry-2/>. The interview is also available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQUXdWgd2G4> .



In addition, I actively participate in the discussion and discourse evolving around criminal justice reform, and recently had the opportunity to give special remarks at an event organized by [The Constitution Project's](#) Right-Left Criminal Justice Working Group on "Advancing Criminal Justice Reform in 2015", January 28, 2015, to further promote and expedite our bipartisan interest on this issue.



We were also joined by Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in their quest for a fair and equitable [Elementary and Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\)](#).



Congressman Davis with Ryan Nevius, Pres. Nancy Gibson & Bill Dodds ASCD

Your feedback is welcome and I am more than happy to hear more of your ideas on what we can do.

Sincerely,

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