



CONGRESSMAN JIM SENSENBRENNER NEWS FROM CONGRESS

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Congressman Recognized For Defense Of American Flag



On March 5, 2003, the American Legion presented Representative Jim Sensenbrenner with the 'American Patriot Award', for his "resolute leadership" on the Flag Protection Amendment in the 107th Congress. Presenting the award on behalf of the American Legion is Mr. Ted Mallow (right).



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America's Budget

America's budget faces tremendous challenges. In addition to the turmoil in Iraq, here at home, too many Americans are unemployed and our economy is still suffering from the devastating blow of September 11th. Despite these challenges, our priorities are clear: we must defend our nation, we must take care of our citizens at home, and we must strive to reach a balanced budget.

In February, President Bush presented America with a budget that meets these priorities. It protects our nation by providing \$380 billion for the military, which translates to a \$15 billion increase. Additionally, President Bush's proposal provides \$41 billion for homeland security spending, which includes funding for programs to protect our nation's critical infrastructure, as well as programs such as Project BioShield which is responsible for securing new vaccines against smallpox and anthrax.

The President's budget also includes three main goals to strengthen the American economy: it encourages consumer spending in an effort to continue boosting the economy; it promotes investment by individuals and businesses to help the economy grow and create jobs; and it delivers critical assistance to unemployed citizens. These goals are primarily accomplished by speeding up income tax rate reductions, ending the unfair double taxation of dividends, creating new Re-Employment Accounts to provide eligible unemployed workers the assistance they need to find new jobs, and providing incentives for small businesses to grow and invest.

Other key provisions of the budget include strengthening health care by providing \$89 billion in health care tax credits, and proposing the creation of new tax-free savings accounts to be used for health care needs and long-term care. The proposal invests \$400 billion over ten years to strengthen and improve Medicare by adding prescription drug coverage.

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2003 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE



The 108th Congress is involved with many issues vital to you, your family, and the nation. Please take a few minutes to complete this year's questionnaire **on the next page**. All questions have a **YES or NO answer unless otherwise indicated**. Please mark your answer by placing an **"X" in the space provided**. In some cases, a YES or NO answer may seem oversimplified, but I am often left with that same choice when voting on complex legislation on the House floor. Please let me know what matters to you. Fill out the response card on the next page, place a stamp on it, and return it to my Washington office. Thank you for your time.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Helenville Fire Hall
9:15 a.m. Sullivan Village Hall
10:00 a.m. Palmyra Village Hall
10:45 a.m. Dousman Village Hall
11:30 a.m. Genesee Town Hall
12:15 p.m. Wales Village Hall
1:45 p.m. Nashotah Village Hall
2:30 p.m. Merton Town Hall
3:15 p.m. Merton Village Hall
4:00 p.m. Pewaukee Village Hall

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Butler Village Hall
9:45 a.m. Lannon Village Hall
10:30 a.m. Sussex Village Hall
11:30 a.m. Jackson Village Hall
1:00 p.m. Addison Town Hall
2:00 p.m. Kewaskum Village Hall

Friday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Newburg Village Hall
9:45 a.m. Fredonia Village Hall
10:30 a.m. Belgium Village Hall
11:15 a.m. Saukville Village Hall
1:30 p.m. River Hills Village Hall
2:15 p.m. Bayside Village Hall
3:00 p.m. Fox Point Village Hall

TOWN HALL MEETINGS:

Monday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Brookfield Safety Building

Tuesday, April 22

7:00 p.m. West Allis City Hall

Wednesday, April 23

2:00 p.m. Oconomowoc City Hall
7:00 p.m. Germantown Village Hall

Thursday, April 24

2:00 p.m. Thiensville Village Hall
7:00 p.m. Waukesha Public Library

Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Slinger Village Hall

Sunday, April 27

1:00 p.m. New Berlin City Hall

Saturday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Wauwatosa Public Library

Sunday, May 18

7:00 p.m. Menomonee Falls Village Hall

Sunday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Pewaukee City Hall

Sunday, June 22

7:00 p.m. Whitefish Bay Village Hall

Sunday, June 29

7:00 p.m. Port Washington Police Dept.

Sunday, July 6

7:00 p.m. Hartland Village Hall

Sunday, July 13

7:00 p.m. Grafton Village Hall

Sunday, July 20

7:00 p.m. West Bend City Hall

Sunday, July 27

7:00 p.m. Shorewood Village Hall

Town Hall Meetings and Office Hours provide me the chance to hear your views on the issues before Congress or to help you with problems you may be experiencing in dealing with a federal agency. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting nearest your home. Please contact my district office if you require special accommodations to attend.

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While budget discipline is integral to the President's proposal, due to the demands of fighting a war on terrorism at home and abroad, we will not have a balanced budget this year. However, I am working to ensure that budgets with deficits are the exception, not the rule. Consequently, on February 13, I became an original co-sponsor of a bill that proposes a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This legislation, which is sorely needed to restore fiscal responsibility to Washington, will require the federal government to pass a balanced budget except in times of war. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over this bill, I intend to push this legislation forward and bring it to the House floor as soon as possible.

The budget blueprint may change several times. The Senate has already passed a different version of the President's budget than the House. Between now and final passage, the House and Senate will meet to work out their differences as each body of Congress attempts to promote the bill it believes will be better for the nation. As this process moves forward, I will insist on a fiscally responsible budget that meets our priorities, rejuvenates our economy, and points us to a balanced budget and better economic times in the near future.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE CARD

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YES **NO**

YES **NO**

YES **NO**

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CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE, STAMP, AND MAIL



(1) Should the federal government be required to pass a balanced budget?
(a) Yes (b) No

(10) Do you support or oppose a ban on partial-birth abortion?
(a) Support (b) Oppose

(2) In the aftermath of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, should NASA:
(a) Stop the human space flight program. (b) Continue its focus on the shuttle program. (c) Develop new safer technology for human space flight.

(11) The federal gas tax is currently at 18.4 cents per gallon. Should this be raised?
(a) Yes (b) No

(3) Do you support the President's efforts to completely disarm Iraq?
(a) Yes (b) No

(12) Do you believe Amtrak should be a self-supporting entity, or should the federal government increase Amtrak's subsidy from its current annual amount of \$1.05 billion?
(a) Amtrak should be a self-supporting entity. (b) Amtrak's government subsidy should be increased.

(4) Should race be a factor in college admissions?
(a) Yes (b) No

(13) Should illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S. be granted amnesty?
(a) Yes (b) No

(5) Should the phased-in tax reductions passed in 2001 be sped up in an effort to stimulate the economy?
(a) Yes (b) No

(14) Who do you most trust to protect the environment in Wisconsin?
(a) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (b) The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. (c) Local governments and individual landowners.

(6) Should Unemployment Insurance benefits be subject to federal income taxes?
(a) Yes (b) No

(15) Should the phrase "One Nation Under God" continue to be included in the Pledge of Allegiance?
(a) Yes (b) No

(7) Starting in 2017, the Social Security Trust fund will begin paying out more money in benefits than it receives in payroll taxes. What is the **BEST** way to make Social Security viable in the long-term?
(a) Raise the retirement age. (b) Cut benefits for Social Security recipients. (c) Allow individuals to invest a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in personal retirement accounts. (d) Increase Social Security taxes.

(16) Do you support the current reformulated gasoline (RFG) mandate in Southeastern Wisconsin?
(a) Yes (b) No

(8) On the issue of providing prescription drug coverage for seniors, which of the following statements best reflects your views?
(a) Implement a one-size-fits-all government prescription drug program. (b) Allow seniors to choose their health plan while providing prescription drug benefits to all seniors and cost-sharing to low-income seniors. (c) Limit which prescription drugs seniors may purchase in order to reduce costs.

(17) Should the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approve gaming compacts with no expiration dates negotiated by Governor Doyle and various Native American tribes?
(a) Yes (b) No

(9) Do you support or oppose allowing the cloning of humans?
(a) Support (b) Oppose

(18) Which Wisconsin county do you live in?
(a) Jefferson (b) Milwaukee (c) Ozaukee
(d) Washington (e) Waukesha

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**Major bills reported out of the House Judiciary Committee
that have passed the House of Representatives this year**

H.Res.132 -- Expresses the sense of the House that the phrase "one Nation, under God" should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance.

H.R.5 -- the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act.

H.R.534 -- Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003.

H.R.975 -- Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act.

H.R.1104 -- Child Abduction Prevention Act.

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