

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael Arcuri (D-Utica) was part of a bipartisan success in bringing the “100 Hours Agenda” to a successful conclusion – fulfilling promises to pass legislation reflecting the values and priorities of hard-working families within the first 100 legislative hours in the House of Representatives.

“In less than two weeks on the job, I’ve been able to vote for and help pass bills that will go directly to helping the everyday lives of people in Upstate New York,” said Arcuri. “This November, the voters of Upstate New York entrusted me with a great responsibility: to represent them in Congress. With their votes, like people all across the country, they called out for positive change and meaningful action.”

“By moving immediately on issues that affect the lives of hard-working families, I believe we have set a tone for the 110th Congress that is one of cooperation that extends beyond party lines. I am proud that this legislation passed with bipartisan majorities, putting progress ahead of partisanship.”

“I am especially proud to help up to 13 million Americans and their families by increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years and help make college more affordable and accessible by cutting the interest rates in half on certain subsidized student loans over the next five years,” Arcuri said. “Helping students pay for higher education helps middle class families stay out of debt and helps our economy. These are the kinds of measures we need to help working families in central New York thrive.”

The House has passed the following items since the start of the 110th Congress:

- Ethics Reform, 1/4/07, Passed 430-1
- Restoring Fiscal Responsibility, 1/5/07, Passed 280-152
- Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations, 1/9/07, Passed 299-128
- Increasing the Minimum Wage, 1/10/07, Passed 315-116
- Expanding Stem Cell Research, 1/11/07, Passed 253-174
- Requiring Negotiation for Lower Prescription Drug Costs, 1/12/07, Passed 255-170
- Cutting Interest Rates on Student Loans, 1/17/07, Passed 356-71
- Ending Subsidies for Big Oil and Investing in Renewable Energy, 1/18/07, Passed 264-163

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