



U.S. Rep. Tom Marino

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REP. MARINO'S WEEKLY WRAPUP – FEB. 17, 2012

MAJOR VOTES THIS WEEK:

HR3408: Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security (PIONEERS) Act

SUMMARY: The bill would push forward the development of oil shale which began with the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. It would codify the rules published in 2008 by the Department of Interior for the commercial development of oil shale.

PASSED: 237-187, Feb. 16

MARINO: Yes

HR3630: Conference Report to H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011

SUMMARY: Would provide an extension of the current payroll tax rates for the remainder of 2012, provide a fully-offset delay in the implementation of the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (the so-called "Doc-fix") and extend and reform federally funded unemployment insurance benefits for the remainder of the year.

PASSED: 293-132, Feb. 17

MARINO: Yes

COMMITTEE WORK:

Judiciary: Completed consideration of HR 3541, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) which restricts sex-selection abortion and race-selection abortion, and the coercion of a woman to obtain either. Rep. Marino voted "yes."

The committee held a hearing on the significant constitutional questions raised by President Obama's recent appointments while the Senate was in pro forma session. Rep. Marino had sent a letter to Chairman Smith calling for the hearing.

Homeland Security: Held a hearing on the president's budget proposal. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano was the sole witness at the hearing which examined President Obama's \$39.5 billion FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security. (An additional \$5.5 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund is provided separately, per the Budget Control

Act of 2011.). The request would result in relatively level funding from the \$39.6 billion in DHS funding enacted by Congress for FY 2012.

Foreign Affairs: House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held hearings on Egypt's post-Mubarak government where members inquired about the Egyptian government's recent raids against non-governmental organizations, last month's Egyptian elections, and the economy. Members also focused on the state of U.S. foreign assistance to Egypt and examined the possibility of placing certain conditions on it, such as ensuring that the new government will continue to meet its obligations under the 1979 Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty.

IN THE DISTRICT:

- Rep. Marino visited Abington Heights Middle School where he held a lively discussion with several eighth-grade classes.
- The congressman visited Keystone College, LaPlume, where he fielded questions from the college honors group.
- Rep. Marino visited the Wyoming Valley Airport in Forty Fort

NEXT WEEK:

Mon., Feb. 20, Presidents Day

4:30 p.m., Keystone Society Celebration Event, Susquehanna Tower Opening, Williamsport Regional Medical Center

Tuesday, Feb. 21

11 a.m., Susquehanna Tower opening ceremony, Williamsport Regional Medical Center

3 p.m., Site visit, Northway Industries, Middleburg

7 p.m., Live, call-in television appearance, PCN

Wednesday, Feb. 22

10:30 a.m., Food distribution, Son Light House, Muncy

1 p.m., Site visit, Best Buy, Muncy

3:30 p.m., Site visit, Susquehanna Community Health & Dental Center, Williamsport

Thursday, Feb. 23

Bradford County Office Hours, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bradford County Commissioners Office, 301 Main St., Towanda.

Friday, Feb. 24

Pike County Office Hours, 9-11 a.m., Pike County Administration Building, 506 Broad St., Milford

Wayne County Office Hours, 1:30-4 p.m., Wayne County Commissioners Office, 925 Court St., Third Floor, Honesdale

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