



BUY AMERICAN MEASURE GAINS SUPPORT *However 11 GOP House Members Say 'NO'*

Charleston, W.Va. – Today the WV House of Delegates overwhelmingly passed a resolution (HR 18) urging that federal stimulus dollars be spent on products and services that create jobs and help keep Americans employed. The measure won unanimous approval from House Democrats and garnered the support of two-thirds of the Republican delegates; however, 11 GOP members voted 'No'.

“I’m shocked that the 11 Republican legislators could vote against supporting American jobs,” WV Democratic Party Chair Nick Casey said. “They need to check their ideology at the door and start representing their constituents, some of whom have lost their jobs recently.”

The 11 Republican legislators who voted against the resolution are as follows:

Troy Andes – Putnam
Tim Armstead – Kanawha
Tom Azinger – Wood
Craig Blair – Berkeley
Mitch Carmichael – Jackson
Daryl Cowles – Morgan
Patrick Lane – Kanawha
Johnathan Miller – Berkeley
John Overington – Berkeley
Thomas Mike Porter – Mercer
Ron Walters - Kanawha

The President’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has been endorsed by many business and labor groups, like the US Chamber of Commerce and AFL-CIO. The House of Delegates resolution passed 84-11 (with 5 not present). All Democrats supported the bill along with 17 House Republicans.

NOTE: Attached is a copy of the House Resolution and Roll Call vote

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All other Inaugural events, including the church service, parade and official Inauguration ceremony are free and open to the public. A schedule of events follows.

Sunday, January 18, 2009

High Noon Ecumenical Mass
Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral
1114 Virginia Street, East
Charleston, WV
Noon
Free to the Public

Monday, January 19, 2009

Martin Luther King, Jr. Program of Tribute and Remembrance
Asbury United Methodist Church
501 Elizabeth Street
8:30 a.m.
Free to the Public

Inaugural Parade
Kanawha Boulevard, between Capitol Street and Greenbrier Street
10 a.m.
Free to the Public

Inaugural Ceremonies
West Virginia State Capitol
Capitol Steps, North Side
1 p.m.
Free to the Public

Inaugural Reception
Immediately following the Inaugural Ceremony
Capitol Rotunda & Cultural Center Great Hall
Entertainment, Light Refreshments
Free to the Public

Inaugural Ball
Charleston Civic Center
8 p.m.
Ticket Required (\$50 per person)
Call the Charleston Civic Center Box Office to obtain tickets 304-345-7469

***We expect to have detailed information shortly about Presidential Inaugural balls and other events to celebrate Barack Obama's inauguration. We hope to be able to release that information late this week.