

Jeff Denham (CA-10) Research Book

The following report contains research on Jeff Denham, the Republican incumbent from California's 10th Congressional District. Research for this research book was conducted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's Research Department.

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Biography

This section provides background information on Jeff Denham's personal life, including education, personal finances, property holdings, and other areas. Searches were conducted in California as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

According to [Roll Call](#), Denham was born on July 29, 1967. According to the Modesto Bee, "Denham was born in Hawthorne, in Los Angeles County, and grew up in Atascadero on his family's cattle ranch, the oldest of three children." [[Roll Call Member Profile](#), accessed 10/15/11; [The Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/01]

Education

1992: Denham Graduated with B.A. in Political Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Denham earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. [[Roll Call Member Profile](#), accessed 10/15/11; [The Californian](#), 10/22/02; [The Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

1989: Denham Graduated from Victor Valley Junior College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts

Denham obtained an associate's degree in liberal arts from Victor Valley Junior College. [[Roll Call Member Profile](#), accessed 10/15/11; [The Californian](#), 10/22/02; [The Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

Denham Attended Public Schools while growing up, his Wife Attended Private

Denham attended public schools while his wife, Sonia, attended private schools. [[Roll Call Member Profile](#), accessed 10/15/11; [The Californian](#), 10/22/02; [The Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

Military Service

Denham served in the Air Force from October 18, 1984 – June 20, 1988 and in the Air Force Reserve from June 21, 1988 – July 15, 2000. According to [The Modesto Bee](#), Denham "was a crew chief in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991. He worked on aircraft participating in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia in 1992 and 1993." Denham prepared and maintained "aircrafts such as the F-4 fighter jet and the C-5 transport plane. [[The Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02; National Journal, 11/03/10; National Personnel Records Center, DENHAM, Jeffrey John, 12/19/11]

Denham was discharged on July 15, 2000 from the Air Force Reserve with a Rank of Airman First Class. He had been assigned to the 4520th Air Refueling Wing (AFRES) March Air Force Base, CA; 945th AGS (Aircraft Generation Squadron) Travis Air Force Base, CA; and 349th Mission Support Squadron (AFRES) Travis Air Force Base, CA. Denham was awarded the "Air Force Basic Military Training Ribbon" and the "Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon" according to his military personnel file. He

was educated at Air Force Basic Training and at the Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist Course.
[National Personnel Records Center, DENHAM, Jeffrey John, 12/19/11]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Jeff Denham's professional career.

2000 - Present: Founded, Owns Denham Plastics, LLC

According to its website, Denham Plastics is an agriculture plastic container business. Denham Plastics describes its activities on its website as:

We distribute harvesting containers (bins, totes, and pallets), rent used containers for transitional seasons, repair (replacement parts and plastic weld), and recycle (unusable containers). We work with the customer to transition their business out of wood and fiber containers and bins and convert them to plastic solutions. In addition, current technology has allowed us to introduce metal flake (for metal detection devices) and anti bacterial resin reducing the possibility of foreign objects and other food safety risks." [National Journal, 11/03/10; Denham Plastics – About, accessed 11/16/11]

In 2003, Denham announced that he was planning to move from Salinas to Merced County to start a farm. He said he would keep his ties with Monterey County because that is where his business was located and that it was a personal, not political, decision to move. [[The Monterey County Herald](#), 11/08/03]

Denham bought a 40-acre sweet potato farm outside of Merced with plans to grow almonds. He sold his home in Salinas on November 20th, 2003 for \$385,500. [[The Modesto Bee](#), 12/03/03]

... Denham Owned Denham Plastics, Bin Doctor and One Planet Recycling in 2002

According to the Modesto Bee, in 2002, Denham owned three Salinas area businesses:

Denham Plastics; Bin Doctor; and One Planet Recycling. Denham Plastics provided plastic containers for agricultural and commercial uses. The Bin Doctor sanitized the containers. And One Planet Recycling recycled the bins after they are worn out. Together, the businesses employed from 10 to 20 full-time workers, with added seasonal employees, Denham said. He refused to provide information about the companies' earnings, citing business competitors. [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

1992-1998: Project Manager, Fresh Express

From 1992 to 1998, Denham worked as a project manager at "Fresh Express," a packaged-salad company. [[The Monterey County Herald](#), 11/23/02; National Journal, 11/03/10]

Dates Unknown: Executive, Menasha Services

According to the Modesto Bee, “Before founding Denham Plastics, Denham was an executive for Menasha Services, a Wisconsin-based plastic container company.” [Modesto Bee, 10/20/02]

Criminal Record

A nationwide database search yielded no criminal records for Denham’s wife or for Denham personally. Denham was arrested twice, though not charged, and refused to cooperate in a battery investigation, to which he was the only witness. Denham was also an intervenor defendant in a set of criminal cases dealing with the overcrowding of the California Prison system. [Nexis Combined Criminal Records, accessed 11/15/11]

Added himself to the Case Plata v. Schwarzenegger/Coleman v. Schwarzenegger as a State Senator

As a state senator, Denham was an intervenor defendant in Plata v. Schwarzenegger and Coleman v. Schwarzenegger, filed October 30th, 2007. These cases were filed regarding a violation of the Eighth Amendment by the California Prison Systems because of prison overcrowding and resulted in the ordering of a three-judge panel to consider prisoner release orders. The part of the case Denham was intervening on was the three-judge panel to consider prisoner release orders. [California State Senator Intervenor Complaint Coleman v. Schwarzenegger and Plata v. Schwarzenegger, 10/30/07]

According to the intervenor complaint filed on behalf of Denham, by order of two judges of the US district courts, the prisoner release orders issued under Plata v. Schwarzenegger and Coleman v. Schwarzenegger cases were heard by the same three-judge judicial panel for “convenience and judicial economy.” [California State Senator Intervenor Complaint Coleman v. Schwarzenegger and Plata v. Schwarzenegger, 10/30/07]

NOTE: The defendants in these cases were the then-current Governor of California, so Plata v. Schwarzenegger became Plata v. Brown and Coleman v. Schwarzenegger became Coleman v. Brown after the swearing in of Governor Jerry Brown on January 3rd, 2011. [Los Angeles Times, 1/04/11]

The intervenor position, filed October 30th, 2007, which Denham was listed as a part of, was that the prisoner release order would be “a radical step” and argued that releasing prisoners from prison would endanger the California public. Denham was terminated from the case on March 4, 2009. In the end the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the prisons were overcrowded (in favor of the plaintiffs, against the position with which Denham had sided). [Oyez-Chicago-Kent College of Law, accessed 11/15/11; PACER Party Search Brown v. Plata, accessed 11/16/11; California State Senator Intervenor Complaint Schwarzenegger v. Plata, 10/30/07]

Refused to Cooperate with Law Enforcement Investigating a Battery Charge

In 2000, Denham refused to cooperate with authorities who were investigating a battery charge on Republican activist Angel Garcia after “a scrape” with another Republican activist, Paul Fickas, in the Salinas Republican campaign headquarters. The charges were dropped as Denham was the only witness. [The Monterey County Herald, 10/12/02]

NOTE: Angel Garcia died October 11th, 2002 in a one car accident while his consulting firm, Bear Associates, was working Denham's campaign in 2002.

A FOIA has been sent requesting more information regarding this incident

Arrested in a Bar Fight in Salinas

In 1996, Denham was arrested after trying to "break up" a "shoving match" which "got out of hand." According to Denham's campaign managers in 2002, no charges were filed. [[Fresno Bee](#), 10/02/02]

According to the [Modesto Bee](#):

In 1996, he was arrested for disturbing the peace in connection with a bar fight. Denham said he had come to a friend's defense. That charge also was dropped. "I came out, saw an altercation and decided to break it up," he said. "My whole life, I've believed in helping others." [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

Arrested in College as Part of a Mass Arrest

In 1990, Denham was arrested as part of a mass arrest while he was a college student at San Luis Obispo. According to his campaign manager in 2002, no charges were filed and Denham was not involved in the original incident. The mass arrest came after a break in at liquor stores where the suspects got drunk and went to Denham's neighborhood. According to Denham's campaign manager, Phil Paule, "Denham, while a student at California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, was charged in April 1990 with two misdemeanor counts of failing to disburse during a fight. Prosecutors dismissed the charges that August, he said." [[Fresno Bee](#), 10/02/02; [Modesto Bee](#), 9/24/02]

According to the [Modesto Bee](#):

At Cal Poly in 1990, Denham was arrested for failing to disperse. Prosecutors later dropped the charge. Denham said he was hobbled at the time by a football injury and resting in his apartment when Poly Royal festival-goers converged on a nearby liquor store. A nervous elderly neighbor asked him to come over. On the street, he said, he was swept up in a police dragnet. [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

In 2002, Denham explained that he was arrested while walking, on crutches, back from comforting his 85 year old neighbor for failing to disperse during the San Luis Obispo riots. [[The San Luis Obispo Tribune](#), 10/05/02]

Driving Record

There was no indication of driving issues found during the search. [Nexis Public Records, accessed 4/02/12]

Bankruptcy Filings

There was no bankruptcy filing found during the search. [Nexis Public Records, accessed 4/02/12]

Voting History

According to documents obtained from the Merced County Voter Registrar, Jeffrey John Denham was registered at 11580 W Longview Ave, Atwater, CA and his voter status is listed as active as of October 12, 2011. [Merced County Registrar of Voters, Jeff Denham Vote Certification, 10/12/11]

Election	Date	Voted/Not Voted	County
Gubernatorial General	11/02/10	Voted	Merced County
Statewide Direct Primary	6/08/10	Voted	Merced County
Special Election	5/19/09	Voted	Merced County
Presidential General Election	11/04/08	Voted	Merced County
Direct Primary	6/03/08	Voted	Merced County
Presidential Primary	2/05/08	Voted	Merced County
Consol. Udel Election	11/06/07	Voted	Merced County
General Election	11/07/06	Voted	Merced County
Gubernatorial Primary	6/06/06	Voted	Merced County
Special Consolidated Udel	11/08/05	Voted	Merced County
Presidential General	11/02/04	Voted	Merced County
Presidential Primary	3/02/04	Voted	Merced County
Special Countywide	12/02/03	Not Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated Udel/school	11/04/03	Not Voted	Monterey County
Statewide Special Election	10/07/03	Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated General Gubernatorial Election	11/05/02	Voted	Monterey County
Gubernatorial Primary	3/05/02	Voted	Monterey County
Udel/gbm Special & School District	11/06/01	Voted	Monterey County
Presidential General	11/07/00	Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated Presidential Primary	3/07/00	Voted	Monterey County
School/Special District	11/02/99	Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated General Gubernatorial	11/03/98	Voted	Monterey County
Statewide Blanket Primary	6/02/98	Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated General	11/04/97	Not Voted	Monterey County
Presidential General	11/05/96	Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated Presidential	3/26/96	Voted	Monterey County
Monterey County Schools/udel Election	11/07/95	Voted	Monterey County
Consolidated General	11/08/94	Voted	Monterey County
Direct Primary	6/07/94	Not Voted	Monterey County

Personal Finance

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Between \$1,250,002 and \$5,500,000 in Assets in 2010*
- ✓ *\$129,215 in Earned Income in 2010*
- ✓ *Denham's Wife, Sonia, Made "Over \$100,000" Per Year in Gross Income from 2004-2010*

Denham held between \$1,250,002 and \$5,500,000 in assets at the end of 2010. He earned \$129,215 in 2010 with about two-thirds coming from his salary as a state Senator and one-third coming from his business, Denham Plastics.

2010 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Form

Overview

A review of Denham's Personal Financial Disclosure forms, court records and other information was conducted in order to examine Denham's personal finances, investments and any potential financial problems that may have taken place in his past.

As of December 31st, 2010, Denham held investments valued between \$1,250,001 and \$5,500,000.

Denham's income was between \$424,219 and \$779,215 in 2010.

The following table illustrates Denham's holdings in 2010:

Asset / Source of Income	Value of Asset	Type of Income	Amount of Income
Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	Salary	\$42,154
Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	Dividends	\$15,001-\$50,000
California State Senate	-	Salary	\$87,061
5307 (5707) Bighorn, Truckee, CA	\$250,001-\$500,000 (2009 Value)	Rent	\$15,001-\$50,000
5307 (5707) Bighorn, Truckee, CA	\$250,001-\$500,000 (2009 Value)	Sale	\$250,001-\$500,000
11580 Longview Ave,	\$250,001-\$500,000	Farm Income	\$15,001-

Atwater, CA			\$50,000
Total	\$1,250,002-\$5,500,000	Total	\$424,219-\$779,215

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2011]

Made \$129,215 in Earned Income in 2010

In 2010, Denham made \$129,215 in earned income from his positions at Denham Plastics and being a state Senator. [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2011]

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California State Senate	-	Salary	\$87,061
Total	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	Total	\$129,215

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2011]

Made between \$295,004 and \$650,000 in Additional Income in 2010

In 2010, Denham made between \$295,004 and \$650,000 in additional income. This income came from dividends from Denham Plastics, farm income, and the rent and sale of his home at 5707 Bighorn, Truckee, CA. [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2011]

Asset / Source of Income	Type of Income	Amount of Income
Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA	Dividends	\$15,001-\$50,000
5307 (5707) Bighorn, Truckee, CA	Rent	\$15,001-\$50,000
5307 (5707) Bighorn, Truckee, CA	Sale	\$250,001-\$500,000
11580 Longview Ave, Atwater, CA	Farm Income	\$15,001-\$50,000
Total	Total	\$295,004-\$650,000

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2011]

Had between \$1,250,002 and \$5,500,000 in Assets at the end of 2010

At the end of 2010, Denham had between \$1,250,002 and \$5,500,000 in assets, including his farm in Atwater and his partnership in Denham Plastics. [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2011]

Asset / Source of Income	Value of Asset
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Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000
11580 Longview Ave, Atwater, CA	\$250,001-\$500,000
Total	\$1,250,002-\$5,500,000

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2011]

Sonia Denham made over \$100,000 in 2010

According to Denham's California Form 700 filed in January, 2011, Denham's wife, Sonia Denham, was earning "OVER \$100,000" in gross income per year from "Earthbound Farm".
[Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2010]

Liabilities

As of 2010, Denham had a mortgage on 11580 Longview Ave, Atwater, CA with Valley First Credit Union for \$100,001-\$250,000. [Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2011]

Positions

Denham listed the following positions on his 2010 Financial Disclosure:

Position	Name of Organization
Partner	Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2011]

2009 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Form

Overview

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As of December 31st, 2009, Denham held investments valued between \$500,002 and \$1,000,000.

Denham's income was \$250,633 in 2009.

The following table illustrates Denham's holdings in 2009:

Asset / Source of Income	Value of Asset	Type of Income	Amount of Income
Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA	Not listed	Salary	\$140,000
California State Senate	-	Salary	\$110,633
5307 (5707) Bighorn,	\$250,001-\$500,000	Rent	\$15,001-

Truckee, CA			\$50,000
11580 Longview Ave, Atwater, CA	\$250,001-\$500,000	Farm Income	\$15,001-\$50,000
Total	\$500,002-\$1,000,000	Total	\$280,635-\$350,633

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2010]

Made \$129,215 in Earned Income in 2010

In 2009, Denham made \$250,633 in earned income from a company bonus at Denham Plastics and his salary as a state Senator. [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2010]

Asset / Source of Income	Value of Asset	Type of Income	Amount of Income
Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA	Not Listed	Company Bonus	\$140,000
California State Senate	-	Salary	\$110,633
Total	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	Total	\$250,633

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2010]

Made between \$30,002 and \$100,000 in Unearned Income in 2009

In 2009, Denham made between \$30,002 and \$100,000 in unearned income. This income came from farm income and the rent of his home at 5307 Bighorn, Truckee, CA. [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2010]

Asset / Source of Income	Type of Income	Amount of Income
5307 Bighorn, Truckee, CA	Rent	\$15,001-\$50,000
11580 Longview Ave, Atwater, CA	Farm Income	\$15,001-\$50,000
	Total	\$30,002-\$100,000

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2010]

Had between \$500,002 and \$1,000,000 in Assets at the end of 2009

At the end of 2009, Denham had between \$500,002 and \$1,000,000 in assets, including his farm in Atwater and his partnership in Denham Plastics. [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2010]

Asset / Source of Income	Value of Asset
5307 Big Horn, Truckee, CA	\$250,001-\$500,000
11580 Longview Ave,	\$250,001-\$500,000

Atwater, CA	
Total	\$500,002-\$1,000,000

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2010]

Sonia Denham made over \$100,000 in 2009

According to Denham's California Form 700 filed in February, 2010, Denham's wife, Sonia Denham, was earning "OVER \$100,000" in gross income per year from "Earthbound Farm". [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2009]

Liabilities

As of 2009, Denham had a mortgage on 11580 Longview Ave, Atwater, CA with Valley First Credit Union for \$100,001-\$250,000. [Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2010]

Positions

Denham listed the following positions on his 2010 Financial Disclosure:

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Partner	Denham Plastics, Salinas, CA

[Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Filed 2010]

Denham Listed his Income from Denham Plastics in 2009 and the First Part of 2010 as a "Company Bonus"

On Denham's PFD reflecting 2009 earnings it lists his 2010 year to date earnings and his 2009 earnings from Denham Plastics, \$40,000 and \$140,000 respectively, as a "Company Bonus". [Denham Personal Financial Disclosure Forms, filed 2010]

2004-2010 California Form 700 Financial Disclosures

Sonia Denham Makes "Over \$100,000" per Year in Gross Income

According to Denham's California Form 700 filed in January, 2011, Denham's wife, Sonia Denham, was earning "OVER \$100,000" in gross income per year from "Earthbound Farm". This was originally listed on his California Form 700 reflecting 2004 earnings and was consistent every year until his final California Form 700 reflecting 2010 earnings. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2004-2010]

In 2007, Denham's wife, Sonia Denham, was in charge of the Wal-Mart account at Earthbound Farm. [Recordnet.com, [11/20/07](#)]

Denham Plastics earned at least \$10,000 Annually from a Number of Different Companies

Denham was forced to list every company from which Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 annually for each of his filings.

... In 2010 Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from 13 Companies

In 2010, according to Denham's California Form 700, Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from each of the following companies: B&B Plastic Recyclers Inc.; Dobler & Sons; Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc.; Field Fresh Farms; Fresh Express; Go Green Industries; Gold Coast Packing, Inc.; Martines Farming; ORBIS Corporation; Taylor Farms; Taylor Fresh; True Leaf Farms; and Watsonville Produce. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2010]

... In 2009 the list was not included for companies from which Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000.

In 2009, according to Denham's California Form 700, the list was not included for companies from which Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000, though the list was referenced on the form. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2009]

... In 2008 Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from 13 Companies

In 2008, according to Denham's California Form 700, Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from each of the following companies: B&B Plastic Recyclers Inc.; Dobler & Sons; Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc.; Field Fresh Farms; Fresh Express; Go Green Industries; Gold Coast Packing, Inc.; Martines Farming; ORBIS Corporation; Taylor Farms; Taylor Fresh; True Leaf Farms; and Watsonville Produce. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2008]

... In 2007 Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from 16 Companies

In 2007, according to Denham's California Form 700, Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from each of the following companies: Grimmway Farms; Ready Pac; Taylor Farms; Logistics Trade Company; True Leaf Farms; B&B Plastic Recyclers Inc.; Tranpak; Dobler & Sons; Sea Breeze Harvesting; Quality Packaging; Sun Coast Farms; Fresh Express; Fresh Express – Yuma; Taylor Farms Mexico; Earthbound Farm; and Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2007]

... In 2006 Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from Seven Companies

In 2006, according to Denham's California Form 700, Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from each of the following companies: Grimmway Farms; B&B Plastic Recyclers Inc.; Classic Salads; Watsonville Produce; Dobler & Sons; Taylor Fresh; and Earthbound Farm. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2006]

... In 2005 Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from Nine Companies

In 2005, according to Denham's California Form 700, Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from each of the following companies: Classic Salads; Missionero Vegetables; Sea Breeze Harvesting; Fresh Innovations; Taylor Fresh; Pride of San Juan; Golden State Bulb Growers; Balboa Capital; and Earthbound Farm. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2005]

... In 2004 Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from Nine Companies

In 2004, according to Denham's California Form 700, Denham Plastics made more than \$10,000 from each of the following companies: Fresh Advantage; OCEAN MIST FARMS; Fresh Innovations; Watsonville Produce; River Ranch; Pride of San Juan; Taylor Fresh; Ready Pac; and Earthbound Farm. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2004]

Political Career

A Dismal Record of Passing Legislation

Denham has very little to show for his first term in Congress. He did not succeed in passing any bills into law during his first term in the House. Denham did pass a House Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; this was not required to become a law. Denham also got two amendments passed.

The following table illustrates Denham's ineffectiveness:

Session of Congress	Bill / Amendment Introductions	Passed the House	Signed into Law	Percentage Passed	Percentage Signed
2011 (112 th –First Session)	14	3	0	21.43	0
2012 (112 th –Second Session)	2	1	0	50	0
Total	16	4	0	25	0

[THOMAS, accessed 4/09/12]

This Section Provides an Overview of Jeff Denham's Political Career, from 1998 to 2011.

2011: National Christmas Tree Came From Denham's District

In 2011, the U.S. Capitol Christmas came from Denham's district. The tree was cut in the Stanislaus National Forest "I am extremely proud that the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will be coming from the Stanislaus National Forest this year... We take pride in knowing that this great representation of our district will be a symbol of the holidays in our Nation's Capitol this year," said Congressman Denham." [Rep. Denham, press release, 11/8/11]

2011: Filed to Run in California's 10th Congressional District

In 2011, Jeff Denham filed a "statement-of-candidacy" in California's 10th Congressional District. [The Record, 10/12/11]

2011: Member of Republican Study Committee

In 2011, Jeff Denham was a member of the Republican Study Committee. [[Republican Study Committee Member List](#), accessed 11/26/11]

2011: Appointed to Mitt Romney's California Leadership Team

In 2011, Denham was appointed to Mitt Romney's California Leadership Team. He was also appointed as a Statewide Co-Chair. [Mitt Romney for President Press Release, 3/27/12]

2011: National Republican Congressional Committee, Region 1 Chairman

In 2011, Denham was appointed the National Republican Congressional Committee's Region 1 chairman. [NRCC Press Release, 3/02/11]

2011: Appointed as Assistant Whip for the House Republican Conference

In 2011, Denham was appointed to Assistant Whip for the House Republican Conference. Denham was appointed by House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy. McCarthy had backed one of Denham's opponents in the Republican Primary in 2010. [Denham Congressional Press Release, 1/13/11; [Fresno Bee](#), 1/10/10]

2011: Hired a Lobbyist to Be His New Chief Of Staff

In 2011, Denham hired Jason Larrabee to be his new chief of staff. Larrabee had been a registered lobbyist working for clean-energy and California water interests. [[Los Angeles Times](#), 1/05/11]

2010: Was Appointed to the House Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans Affairs Committees

In 2010, Denham was appointed to serve on the House Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs Committees. Denham stated that his position on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee would let him "address all of the water needs in the Valley" which he also called his top priority. [[Fresno Bee](#), 12/19/10]

... Named to Subcommittees on House Veterans Affairs Committee

In 2010, Denham was named to the Veterans Affairs Subcommittees on Economic Opportunity as well as Health. [House Veterans Affairs Committee Press Release, 1/19/11]

... Named to Subcommittees on House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

In 2010, Denham was named Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. Denham was also named to the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittees on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee and Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee. [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Press Release, 1/20/11]

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... Named to Subcommittees on House Natural Resources Committee

In 2010, Denham was named to the Natural Resources Subcommittees on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs as well as Water and Power. [House Natural Resources Committee, 1/24/11]

2010: Won the General Election for the 19th Congressional District

In 2010, Denham won the general election for the 19th Congressional District over Loraine Goodwin, 128,394 (64.6 percent) to 69,912 (35.2 percent). [California Secretary of State 2010 Congressional General Election Results, accessed 11/18/11]

2010: Denham's Conservative Credentials Questioned by Chairman of the Lincoln Club of Fresno County

In 2010, Denham's credentials as a conservative were questioned by Michael Der Manouel Jr. the chairman of the Lincoln Club of Fresno County. Chairman Manouel based his problems with Denham on Denham's votes on the state budget. Denham only won 20 percent of the Fresno County Republican vote in the 2010 Republican primary. [[Fresno Bee](#), 8/21/10]

2010: Ran under Tea Party Banner

In 2012, it was reported that in 2010 Denham ran under the tea party banner. He was also a fundraising champion for his party as the vice chairman of the West Coast division of the Republican Congressional Committee that chose fellow candidate Ricky Gill of Lodi for the party's Young Guns program. [[Record](#), [1/20/12](#)]

2010: Won the Republican Primary for 19th Congressional District

In 2010, Denham won the Republican Primary for the 19th Congressional District with 36.4 percent of the vote. Representatives McCarthy and Nunes endorsed candidates who opposed Denham. [[Los Angeles Times](#), 6/10/10; [Fresno Bee](#), 1/10/10; 5/29/10]

2010: Appointed to Vice-Chairman of the California State Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee

In 2010, Denham was made Vice-Chairman of the California State Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee by Senate Democrats. He continued to be the chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and served on the Senate

Appropriations and Senate Governmental Organization Committees. He was removed from the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. [Denham Press Release, 1/11/10]

2010: Representative Kevin McCarthy Retracted His Endorsement of Jeff Denham

In 2010, Representative Kevin McCarthy retracted his initial endorsement of Jeff Denham for the Republican Primary in the 19th Congressional District. McCarthy endorsed Denham when Denham originally announced his candidacy but switched his endorsement to Denham's opponent Richard Pombo. Denham and McCarthy worked together in the state legislator. [[Fresno Bee](#), 1/10/10]

2009: Drops State Assembly Bid to Run for Congress

In 2009, less than a month after committing to running for the California State Assembly, Denham announced that he would no longer seek the California Assembly seat from the 25th District and would instead run for U.S. House of Representatives in the 19th district. The 19th district was an open seat because the Representative, George Radanovich, who held the seat, announced that he would be retiring at the end of his term in 2010. Rep. Radanovich endorsed Jeff Denham. [[Modesto Bee](#), 12/30/09]

2009: Criticized the Selection of Maldonado for Lt. Governor

In 2009, Denham said that "It is difficult to see how a candidate who has voted for a massive tax increase could possibly win a statewide Republican primary." Denham also "vowed a close scrutiny of Maldonado's selection" for the position of Lt. Governor. [[The Californian](#), 11/24/09]

2009: Drops Lt. Governor Bid to Run for State Assembly in 2010

In 2009, Denham announced that he would drop out of his race for Lt. Governor to instead pursue a seat in the California State Assembly from the 25th district. It was reported that he planned to move so he could run for the seat. Denham said it would give him "an opportunity to come in and finish a lot of things I've been working on for our community". [Capitol Alert Blog – [Sacramento Bee](#), 12/10/09; [Sacramento Bee](#), 12/11/09]

2009: Appointed to Chair California State Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

In 2009, Denham was made chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee by Senate Democrats. He was appointed to serve on the Senate Appropriations, Budget and Fiscal Review, and Governmental Organization Committees; he was also removed from the, newly renamed, Food and Agriculture Committee. The release points out that Denham is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion. [Denham Press Release, 1/13/09]

2008: Announced He Would Run for Lieutenant Governor in 2010

In 2008, Denham announced that he was running for Lieutenant Governor in 2010. Denham cited the California fiscal crisis as one of his reasons for wanting to enter the race for Lt. Governor.

According to Denham “change is not an option, it is a requirement” because “[t]he status quo has failed”. [[Modesto Bee](#), 12/12/08]

2008: Avoided Recall, Received More than 84 Percent of the Vote

In 2008, Denham avoided being recalled by receiving more than 84 percent of the vote on June 3rd, 2008. Denham attributed his win to the voters being frustrated with the recall and the recall being an example of “politics at its worst”. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 6/04/08]

2008: Organized Effort Against Denham Ends before Vote

In May 2008, California State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata announced that he was no longer going to pursue the recall of Denham. The vote remained on the ballot but with the announcement the organized effort lost a great deal of funding and organization. Perata cited the upcoming budget as his reason for ending the effort. [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), 5/08/08]

2008: Recall Gathered Enough Signatures to Be Placed on the Ballot

In 2008, California Democrats were able to gather enough signatures to force the governor to put the recall of state senator Jeff Denham on the ballot. It was the fifth time in the 90 years leading up to it that a legislator’s constituents would have a chance to recall them. Denham had raised \$625,000 just to fight the recall and already had another \$1 million dollars on hand in a separate campaign account. The recall was placed on the June 3rd, 2008 primary ballot. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 3/19/08; [The Californian](#) 4/02/08]

2007: California Democrats Launched a Recall of Denham for His Refusal to Vote for the State Budget

In 2007, California Democrats moved forward with their plan to recall state senator Denham over his refusal to vote for the state budget. The Democrats had to gather 31,084 signatures in order to get the recall on the ballot. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 10/03/07]

2006: Ran for Reelection to the California State Senate and Won

In 2006, Denham won reelection to the California State Senate in the 12th District with 90,288 (58.1 percent) to 65,130 (41.9 percent). Jeff Denham had raised \$1.5 million compared to Wiley Nickel’s \$500,000, as of October 21, 2006. According to [The Modesto Bee](#), Denham had raised \$2.5 million since 2005. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 11/08/06; [The Modesto Bee](#), 11/08/06; California Secretary of State 2006 State Senate General Election Results, accessed 11/18/11]

2006: More than Tripled His On-Air Presence Compared to his Opponent

In 2006, Denham had run three television ads and three radio ads compared to just one television ad by his opponent. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 11/08/06]

2006: Raised Almost \$500,000 in Indian Tribal Donations

In 2006, Denham was supported by \$494,346 in television ads from a group called “Team 2006, Sponsored by California Sovereign Indian Nations”. At the time there were no tribal casinos in Denham’s district but he was the vice-chairman of the Senate committee which has jurisdiction over Indian gaming. The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians was looking to build a casino/resort on non-tribal lands on Highway 99. [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/26/06]

2004: Appointed to Chair California State Senate Agriculture Committee

In 2004, Denham was appointed by the California Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, a Democrat from Oakland, to serve as the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. This committee dealt with the \$28 billion agriculture industry in California and has input on air pollution and food safety, water issues were moved away from the Agriculture Committee. [[Modesto Bee](#), 12/08/04]

... Was Replaced as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee

In 2006, Denham was replaced as the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee after just two years; he was replaced by fellow Republican Abel Maldonado. The article suggests Denham might have been replaced for backing an unsuccessful challenge to the Senate Republican Leader, though Denham said he was unsure if that was the cause or not. [[Fresno Bee](#), 12/23/06; 12/16/06]

2002: Ran for California State Senate, and Won, in the 12th District

In 2002, Denham ran for the California State Senate in the 12th District. Denham won the Republican primary beating Pete Frusetta 25,358 to 14,976. Denham went on to win the general election against Rusty Areias. The race was, at the time, the most expensive race in the history of California state politics, costing a combined total of \$8 million dollars. According to the San Jose Mercury News, the election was decided by just 1,846 votes in the weeks after Election Day due to absentee ballot counting. According to the California Secretary of State, Denham beat Areias 73,877 (48.4 percent) to 72,034 (47.1 percent). [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 3/06/02; [San Jose Mercury News](#), 11/23/02; California Secretary of State 2002 State Senate General Election Results, accessed 11/18/11]

2000: Ran for California State Assembly

In 2000, Denham ran for the California State Assembly in the 28th District. Denham won the Republican primary with 19,616 votes and lost the general election to Simon Salinas 54,729 (43.8 percent) to Salinas’ 66,011 (52.9 percent). [[Sacramento Bee](#), 11/09/00; California Secretary of State 2000 State Assembly General Election Results, accessed 11/18/11]

1999-2001: Was Appointed to a Two Year Term to the Salinas Traffic Commission but Was Removed a Year Later.

According to [The Weekend Pinnacle](#):

Denham “was appointed Salinas Traffic Commissioner from February 1999 to January 2001 by Salinas City Councilwoman Jyl Lutz after she beat him for a council seat in 1998.

She later took him off the commission because he had missed at least a third of the meetings with other traffic and city officials. "He was a real neophyte," said Lutz. "He was not educated on the issues." Lutz said she can't figure out Denham's agenda because while running for city council, he wasn't actively involved in any city projects or meetings. [The Weekend Pinnacle, 10/30/02]

According to The Monterey Herald:

Denham has never held an elected office, but was appointed to the Salinas traffic commission after losing the Salinas City Council race. He was removed from that position after a year because the councilwoman who appointed him said he missed too many meetings. [The Monterey Herald, 11/06/02]

1998: Ran for Salinas City Council.

According to The Monterey Herald, Denham got "trounced" when he ran for Salinas City Council in 1998. [The Monterey Herald, 11/06/02; 11/23/02]

Political Endorsements

2010 Endorsements

In 2010, Denham was endorsed by the following:

Western Growers Association
Congressman Radanovich
Congressman Kevin McCarthy (note this was later rescinded)
Congressman Ed Royce
Congressman Wally Herger
Congressman Duncan Hunter
Congressman John Campbell
Congressman David Dreier
Congressman Darrell Issa
Madera County Supervisor Frank Bigelow
Madera County Supervisor Ronn Dominici
Madera County Supervisor Tom Wheeler
Modesto Mayor Jim Ridenour
Modesto Council Member Kristin Olsen
Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson
Madera Council Member Sally Bomprezzi
Madera Council Member Robert Poythress
Madera Council Member Steve Mindt
Modesto Council Member Joe Muratore
Modesto Council Member Dave Lopez
Modesto Council Member Dave Geer
Waterford Mayor Charlie Goeken
Oakdale Mayor Farrell Jackson
Hughson Council Member Matt Beekman
Turlock Mayor John Lazar
Turlock Council Member Ted Howze
Turlock Council Member Kurt Spycher
Mariposa Supervisor Jim Allen

[Denham for Congress Press Release, 10/14/10; 5/24/10; 3/9/10; 3/4/10; 2/23/10; 2/2/10; 1/26/10; 1/11/10; 1/7/11; 1/5/10; 1/4/11; 1/4/11; 12/30/09]

Tuolumne Supervisor John Gray
State Assembly member Tom Berryhill
State Assembly member Bill Berryhill
Former Senate and Assembly GOP Leader Jim Brulte
John Harris of Harris Ranch
Sheriff Jim Mele
County Supervisor John Gray
County Supervisor Richard Pland
Sonora Council Member Bill Canning
Sonora Council Member Hank Russell
Supervisor Vern Moss
Supervisor Max Rodriguez
Madera Mayor Gary Svanda
Former Madera County CEO Stell Manfredi
Chowchilla Mayor Jim Kopshever
Mayor Pro-Tem David Alexander
Council Member Justin White
Council Member Dennis Haworth
Council Member John Chavez
Former Chowchilla Mayor Tom Dubose
Sonora Mayor Ron Stearn
Former Mayor Alan Autry
Americans for Prosperity California Chapter
Chairman Peter Foy
Modesto Chamber of Commerce
California Small Business Association
Fresno Police Officers Association

2006 Endorsements

In 2006, Denham was endorsed by the following:

California Organization of Police and Sheriffs (COPS)
California State Sheriffs' Association
California Association of Highway Patrolmen
California Professional Firefighters

California Department of Forestry Firefighters
California Farm Bureau
California Teachers Association
The Monterey County Herald
Latino Community Roundtable

Modesto Bee
Veterans of Foreign Wars (Department of
California)

California Correctional Peace Officers
Association

[The Californian, 5/08/06; Modesto Bee, 4/15/06, 5/13/06; The Monterey County Herald, 10/08/06; Modesto Bee, 10/11/06, 10/28/06]

Denham Endorsed by Modesto Bee for 2002 General Election

In 2002, Denham was endorsed by the Modesto Bee over Rusty Areias. The Bee lists its reasons as the number of questions which had been raised about Areias' character as well as Denham being well-versed in business and agriculture. [Modesto Bee, 10/27/02]

Endorsed by the Merced County Farm Bureau

In 2002, Denham was endorsed by the Merced County Farm Bureau, even though he did not live in Merced and his challenger did. Denham issued a statement about how he was passionate about agriculture issues. [Modesto Bee, 6/12/02]

Denham Endorsed by Modesto Bee in 2002 Republican Primary

In 2002, Denham was endorsed by the Modesto Bee in the 2002 Republican Primary. The Bee said he would "give Republicans a strong, entrepreneurial candidate" and that his "focus is education". [Modesto Bee, 2/17/02]

Was Not Endorsed for the Republican Primary in the 28th district by the San Jose Mercury News

In 2000, Denham did not receive the endorsement of the San Jose Mercury News because his "anti-regulatory message" was too strong for the editorial board members. Denham claimed to be an agricultural businessman specializing in food safety while talking to the editorial board. [San Jose Mercury News, 2/23/00]

NOTE: Denham voted for the Agriculture Appropriations bill (HR 2112) in 2011 which cut funding for food safety, see "Voted for Massive Cuts to the Department of Agriculture."

... Was Not Endorsed for the 2000 Election by the San Jose Mercury News

In 2000, the San Jose Mercury News chose to endorse Denham's opponent in the election saying: "Our interview with Denham was unusual. Rarely have we encountered a candidate who seemed to know so little about government and yet talk about it so forcefully." [San Jose Mercury News, 10/20/00]

Past Political Attacks by Denham

Used False Budget Numbers to Attack Opponent

In 2010, Denham was caught using false attacks against fellow Republican Jim Patterson. In TV ads Denham accused Patterson of not being a fiscal conservative and stated budget numbers that were proven to be false by the Fresno Bee. The ad claimed that Patterson had doubled the city's budget over eight years going from \$208.7 million to \$524.7 million when it really went from \$428.2 million to \$614.9 million. [Fresno Bee, 5/13/10]

Attacked his Opponent for Tax Liens

In 2002, Denham attacked his opponent for having thousands of dollars in tax liens. Denham questioned whether Rusty Areias was fit to hold office because he had failed to pay \$1,225 in property taxes in Merced County. Denham then said that Areias had a \$144,000 state tax lien. [Modesto Bee, 10/20/02; The Merced Sun-Star, 9/17/02; 10/02/02]

Falsely Attacked his Opponent for Campaign Finance Violations

In 2002, the Denham campaign ran ads claiming that his opponent had been fined by the Fair Political Practices Commission 31 times for campaign finance violations. This charge was proven false. [Associated Press, 11/06/02]

Past Political Attacks on Denham

Denham Criticized for Helping Democrats Pass “Rich Budgets”

In 2010, Kimberley Strassel of the Wall Street Journal wrote an Opinion piece in which she talks about Denham siding with “greens” to attack his GOP rival Richard Pombo.

In the article Strassel accused Denham of having “linked arms with the very greens that have decimated his district”. She goes on to say that Denham “is best known in California for helping Democrats pass their rich budgets”. [Wall Street Journal, 4/16/10]

Attacks Used in 2008 Recall

In 2008, the Recall Jeff Denham campaign launched both a TV and radio ad against Denham in which they claim that he “secretly raised his pay by 20 percent” and that “He spent thousands on travel – while the Senate was in session.” Denham responded by saying that the trips were to meet with the Presidential Candidate John McCain and attend campaign fundraisers. [Calitics (blog), 4/3/08; [The Merced Sun-Star](#), 4/05/08]

Attacks Used in 2006 State Senate Race

In 2006, Wiley Nickel, and area Democrats, attacked Denham on missing votes in the state senate, racism, and “denying the existence” of a proposed Olympic training facility.

The charge of racism stemmed from Denham campaign literature which featured a drawing of a “dark-skinned predator lurking near children.” Denham’s campaign said the charge of racism was ridiculous because Denham’s wife is Hispanic. The Denham campaign, in 2006, also pointed out that Denham had one of the best voting records in the state senate. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 11/2/06]

Denham Accused of Lying in Mailers and about Endorsements

In 2000, fellow Republican, Laura Perry, accused Denham of sending out false mailers and claiming endorsements he had not received.

Perry accused Denham of sending out false mailers, which among other things, stated that she opposed banning gay marriage, which Perry said she supports banning. Denham was also accused of claiming to have endorsements he had not actually received. [[San Jose Mercury News](#), 3/08/00]

Jeff Denham – Partisan Extremist

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted with His Party Leadership 97 Percent of the Time*
- ✓ *Awarded the “2010 Courageous Leadership Award” by Americans for Prosperity California*
- ✓ *Member of the Republican Study Committee*
- ✓ *Supported the Republican Study Committee Budget*
- ✓ *Voted Consistently with His Party Leadership in the State Senate*

Denham has been a reliable vote for the Republican Party in the U.S. House of Representatives since he was sworn in. He voted with his party 96 percent of the time in his first year in Congress. Denham voted for the very conservative Republican Study Committee budget and is a member of the Republican Study Committee. Denham even received high marks from the California Republican Assembly while he was in the California State Senate.

Voting in Lockstep with Party Leadership

Denham has a long record of rubberstamping the agenda of the Republican leadership in Congress.

In 2011, Denham voted with the party line 97 percent of the time. [[Washington Post](#) – U.S. Congress Votes Database, accessed 4/09/12]

Denham Was a Member of the Republican Study Committee

In 2011, Jeff Denham was a member of the Republican Study Committee. [[Republican Study Committee Member List](#), accessed 11/26/11]

Denham Voted for the Republican Study Committee Budget

In 2011, Jeff Denham voted for the Republican Study Committee Budget which 136 Republicans voted against. [H. Con. Res. 34, [Vote #275](#), 4/15/11]

Denham Held Fundraisers with John Boehner in 2010

In 2010, Denham held fundraisers with John Boehner in the San Joaquin Valley. According to the article Denham had \$311,656 in primary campaign debt at the end of June 2010 and this would help to pay off some of it. It was also announced that Denham would give \$100,000 to the National Republican Campaign Committee (NRCC). [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 9/08/10; Modesto Bee, 9/09/10]

Endorsed by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee

In 2010, Denham was endorsed by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee (CCAGW PAC). Denham signed their 'No Earmarks Pledge' and, according to their interpretation of his questionnaire, that he will fight for limited government and lower taxes. [Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee, 9/20/10]

Denham Awarded "2010 Courageous Leadership Award" by Americans for Prosperity California

Jeff Denham was awarded the "2010 Courageous Leadership Award" by the Americans for Prosperity in California.

Americans for Prosperity said they were awarding Denham with the award because he consistently voted against tax increases and because of a number of budget reform measures he introduced in the state legislature. [americansforprosperity.org, accessed 11/14/11]

Voted Consistently with Party in Assembly

Year	Organization	Score
2010	California Republican Assembly - Positions	100%
2009	California Republican Assembly - Positions	78%
2008	California Republican Assembly - Positions	94%
2007	California Republican Assembly - Positions	84%
2006	California Republican Assembly - Positions	65%
2005	California Republican Assembly - Positions	61%
2004	California Republican Assembly - Positions	95%
2003	California Republican Assembly - Positions	100%

[California Republican Assembly, 12/11/11]

Received 64% Score From Heritage Action for America Score Card

Denham received 64% score from Heritage Action for America scorecard in August 2011 that encompassed 30 key votes and 5 co-sponsorships. [Heritage Action for America, accessed 8/29/11]

Looking Out for Himself

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Publicly Refused Pay Raises then Private Took Them Later in his Career*
- ✓ *Accepted over \$3,000 in Gifts After Reversing his Own Rule against Accepting “Freebies” from “Lobbyist, Trade Groups, and Businesses”*
- ✓ *Received \$180,000 in Bonuses from his Plastics Company in 2009 and the First Part of 2010, while California Was Going Through a Financial Crisis*

While Denham was in the California State Senate he publicly refused to accept pay raises and even cut his own pay by 5 percent when he started in office; Denham later rescinded he voluntary pay cut and accepted pay raises. According to Denham’s 2010 PFD, he also received \$180,000 from his plastic company in bonuses in 2009 and the first part of 2010.

Denham’s State-Senate Salary by Year

The following table is a list of Denham’s Salary as a state Senator by year:

Year	State Senate Salary
2002 (December Only)	\$7,857.17
2003	\$94,286.04
2004	\$94,286.04
2005	\$94,286.04
2006	\$94,286.04
2007	\$110,880.00
2008	\$113,098.00
2009	\$108,951.70
2010 (January through November)	\$89,130.61

[California State Senate Rules Committee - Jeff Denham State Salary Information Request, 11/15/11]

Publicly Refused Pay Increases but Privately Accepting Them

In 2008, the [Sacramento Bee](#) Capitol Alert reported that while Denham had publicly refused pay increases he had privately accepted previous pay raises. The article in [The Monterey County Herald](#) was entitled “The pay raise that wasn’t, then was again.”

In 2002, when he was elected, Denham made a voluntary 5 percent cut to his salary. It was a cut of about \$4,950 per year from his salary of \$99,000. In 2005, he refused a 12 percent increase approved by an independent panel. In 2006, he refused a 2 percent pay increase and in 2007 he refused a 2.75 percent pay increase.

However, in December 2006, Denham wrote to the State Controller and accepted the 12 percent pay increase he had previously refused in 2005 and cancelled his 5 percent voluntary pay cut. In December 2007, Denham writes the state controller accepting the 2 percent pay increase he had refused in 2006. Denham was still made less than most of his colleagues when the article was written, making \$113,098 per year compared to the \$116,208 for an average state senator. [Capitol Alert-Sacramento Bee, 1/25/08; The Monterey County Herald, 1/26/08; Modesto Bee, 5/25/03; The Californian, 12/07/05]

\$46,613.26 in Privately-Funded Travel

Since taking office in 2011, Denham has taken at least 2 trips totaling over \$45,000 funded by third-parties, including visits to Simi Valley and Israel.

The following table illustrates the trips that Denham has taken.

Dates	Location / Purpose	Sponsor	Travel	Lodging	Meal	Other	Total
08/13/11-08/21/11	Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel	American Israel Education Foundations	12,680.12	2,760.00	1,963.54	2,703.80	44,947.46
1/27/11-1/29/11	Simi Valley “In the Steps of Reagan” Retreat	Heritage Foundation	861.80	450	300	60	1,671.80

[Legistorm, accessed 12/06/11; Clerk of the House, 8/21/11; 1/29/11]

Denham Reported Accepting \$3,437 in Gifts as a State Senator between 2004 and 2010

Between 2004 and 2010, Denham reported accepting \$3,437 in gifts as a State Senator.

According to the California Form 700s Denham filed reflecting the years 2004-2010, Denham accepted \$3,437 in gifts. This does not include gifts given to his family members or gifts that were under the required reporting threshold. [Denham California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2004-2010]

... From 2008-2009, Denham’s Relatives Took \$1,400 in Gifts from Lobbyists

According to a Sacramento Bee article, “Denham’s relatives received direct gifts worth more than those to the relatives of any other California official except Calderon, state record show”. Also according to the article Denham’s relatives accepted \$1,471 in gifts from lobbyists from January 2008 – June 2009. [Sacramento Bee, 9/13/09]

... Received Tickets from AT&T for His Family as a State Senator

In 2009, Denham received \$700 worth of tickets from AT&T for a Golden State Warriors basketball game in December of 2008 for himself and his family, according to the Sacramento Bee. Denham then paid AT&T back for his ticket and reported that he had not received gifts from anyone in 2008 on his annual disclosure form. [The Monterey County Herald, 9/18/09]

... In 2007, Denham Received \$613 in Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

According to an article in the Fresno Bee, Denham received \$613 in gifts and travel reimbursements. [Fresno Bee, 3/10/08]

... In 2006, Denham Accepted a Golf Game at the Maui Prince Hotel in Maui, Hawaii from a Lobbyist

While Denham was on a junket to Hawaii organized by the Pacific Policy Research Foundation he accepted a golf game at the Maui Prince Hotel in Maui, Hawaii. [Merced Sun-Star, Loose Lips, 3/09/07; Pacific Gas and Electric Company Lobbyist Form 836, 12/31/2006]

... In 2005, Denham Accepted Tickets to a Rangers Baseball Game which He Was Not Required to Report.

While Denham was in Texas for a conference during the summer of 2005, Denham and his family accepted “\$120 in tickets to a Rangers baseball game from Ameriquest”. He did not report the gifts because “his \$30 ticket was under the reporting minimum and the other three were not covered by the rules”. [San Francisco Chronicle, 4/30/06]

... In 2005, Denham Accepted \$1,327 in Disclosed Gifts in 2005.

According to an article in The Californian and his financial disclosures reflecting 2005, Denham disclosed having received \$1,327 in gifts. These gifts included “meals, golf and Sacramento Kings’ tickets, and a model tractor”. [The Californian, 3/06/06, California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2005]

... In 2004, Denham Had a Policy “against accepting ‘freebies’”.

According to an article in the Modesto Bee, Denham had a policy in place against accepting “freebies” in 2004, which is why he “did not report any gifts from lobbyists, trade groups or businesses” in 2004. [Modesto Bee, 3/21/05]

Denham Reported Accepting the Following Gifts between 2004 and 2010 as a State Senator

From 2004 until 2010 the following is what Denham listed as accepted gifts:

2004

Date	Name of Source	Address	Description of Gift(s)	Value
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12/5/04	Senator Dick Ackerman	3934 Irvine Blvd, #34, Irvine, CA 92602	Crystal Capitol Dome	\$143.05
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[California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2004]

2005

Date	Name of Source	Address	Description of Gift(s)	Value
1/24/05	Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors of CA	1303 J Street, Suite 450, Sacramento, CA 95814	Legislator of the Year plaque	\$68.59
3/31/05	CA Professional Firefighters	1780 Creekside Oaks, Suite 200, Sacramento CA 95833	Participation in "Fire Ops 101" firefighting training, lunch and authentic helmet	\$151.27

[California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2005]

2006

Date	Name of Source	Address	Description of Gift(s)	Value
1/27/06	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	400 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814	Dinner	\$21.83
7/19/06	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	400 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814	Tickets to Giants & Refreshments	\$130.71
3/15/06	DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP	400 Capitol Mall, Ste 2400, Sacramento, CA 95814	Sacramento Kings Game	\$360.00
6/09/06	John Deere	1801 I St. N.W., Eight Floor, Washington D.C. 20006	4 Logo hats and 1-4760 model tractor	\$69.96
9/27/06	Pacificare	1201 K St., Ste 1020, Sacramento, CA 95814	Golf Course Fees	\$175.00
10/02/06	CA. Assn of Health Facilities	2201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	Dinner	\$73.08
11/14/06	Wayne Ordos, Attorney at Law	1415 L St. Ste 410, Sacramento, CA 95814	Dinner	\$195.44
11/15/06	Pacific Gas and Electric	77 Beale St., B30A, San Francisco, CA 94105	Golf Course Fees	\$170.66
11/17/06	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	P.O. Box 9041, Temecula, CA 92593	Golf Course Fees	\$130.00

[California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2006]

2007

Date	Name of Source	Address	Description of Gift(s)	Value
2/02/07	Capital Athletic Club	1515 8 th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	3 month membership	\$285.00
04/18/07	CA Building Industry Association	1215 K Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95814	Dinner	\$67.94 (Amendment)

10/04/07	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pitman LLP	400 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814	Dinner	\$135.57
10/22/07	Tejon Ranch Company	1121 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	Quail hunt and lunch	\$125.00

[California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2007]

2008

Denham wrote that he received no gifts from anyone in 2008. [Sacramento Bee, 11/13/09]

2009

Date	Name of Source	Address	Description of Gift(s)	Value
6/15/09	Rod Wright	P.O. Box 8572 Los Angeles, CA	Wine Basket	\$62
7/25/09	Governor's Cup Foundation	755 River Point Dr. West Sacramento, CA	Gift Card	\$420
9/12/09	Republican State Leadership Committee	1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 230 Alexandria, VA 22314	Accommodations	\$396.05
12/04/09	Council for Legislative Excellence	2150 River Plaza Dr. Ste 150, Sacramento, CA 95833	Briefcase	\$150.50
12/04/09	Council for Legislative Excellence	2150 River Plaza Dr. Ste 150, Sacramento, CA 95833	Fleece	\$46.02
12/04/09	Council for Legislative Excellence	2150 River Plaza Dr. Ste 150, Sacramento, CA 95833	Cufflinks	\$59.33

[California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2009]

2010

Denham did not file a list of gifts received on his 2010 California Form 700. [California Form 700, reflecting earnings from 2010]

... Protecting the Culture of Corruption

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Denham Voted Against Throwing Out Votes by Members of his Party Who Were Not Properly Sworn In*
- ✓ *Denham Hired a Lobbyist to be his Congressional Chief-of-Staff*
- ✓ *Was Named to the “Crooked Candidate” List by the Ethics Watchdog Group C.R.E.W.*
- ✓ *After Signing a “No Earmark Pledge”, Denham Coauthored a Bill which Local Papers Suggested could be Considered an Earmark*
- ✓ *Opposed Requiring Corporations to Disclose Political Contributions and Expenditures*
- ✓ *Requested Over \$30,000 From Wal-Mart for the Jeff Denham Future Leaders Scholarship at Merced College*

Denham was named to the “Crooked Candidate” list by the ethics watchdog group C.R.E.W. Denham also hired a lobbyist to be his chief of staff. While Denham was a state senator he sought to earmark money for his district. Denham also signed a no earmark pledge and later coauthored legislation a local paper suggested could be considered an earmark because it directed funds to his district. Denham opposed requiring corporations to disclose political contributions and expenditures.

Voted Against Prohibiting Insider Trading by Members of Congress

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which would have directed the SEC to prohibit insider trading by members and employees of Congress.

The motion would have required that the SEC develop rules to prohibit members of Congress and their employees from using nonpublic information gained through their job to benefit themselves in the trading of commodities, securities or swaps or futures. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [HR 3630, [Vote #922](#), 12/13/11]

Voted to Allow Military Contracting with Convicted Felons

In 2011, Denham voted against prohibiting Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers contracting with convicted felons charged with contract fraud, waste or abuse violations.

The motion prohibited Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineer contracts from being awarded to persons convicted of fraud, embezzlement, theft, tax evasion or bribery for 10 years, with the availability of waivers in cases of national security. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/15/11; Congressional Record, 11/15/11; Whidbey News-Times, 11/15/11]

The bill failed 189-235. [HR 2838, Vote #841, 11/15/11]

Voted to Throw Out Votes of Members Not Properly Sworn-In

In 2011, Denham voted for a resolution that struck six votes cast by Reps. Michael Fitzpatrick and Pete Sessions as they were both in another part of the Capitol when the Speaker was administering the oath of office to House members in the chamber. The two members conducted official – including voting and making submissions to the Congressional Record – despite having missed the swearing-in ceremony.

In addition to deleting the six votes, the resolution ratified Sessions' election to a standing committee and his participation in its proceedings. [CQ Today, 1/07/11]

It was subsequently reported that Fitzpatrick and Sessions were absent because they were attending a fundraiser on the Capitol grounds, an apparent violation of ethics rules.

The Philadelphia Inquirer editorialized that “by effectively launching his reelection bid even before taking the oath of office, Fitzpatrick comes off as cynical or clueless... Whatever the case, Fitzpatrick subjected himself to national embarrassment by missing the House opening last week to attend a reception attended by more than 500 supporters at the Capitol Visitor Center.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, Editorial, 1/14/11]

The resolution passed, 257-159. [H Res 27, Vote #11, 1/07/11]

Denham Named to Ethics Watchdog Group “Crooked Candidates” List

In 2010, Denham was named to Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington's (CREW) list of most crooked candidates in 2010. They cited his campaign finance issues including a potentially illegal plane flight he took and some potentially illegal campaign contributions involving the Chukchansi Indian Tribe. [Sacramento Bee, Capitol Alert, 7/21/10]

Denham Made Legally Questionable Campaign Donations Involving the Chukchansi Indian Tribe

In 2010, Denham's state campaign accounts donated \$25,000 and loaned \$150,000 to a charity called “Remembering the Brave” which had been running ads featuring Denham in the run up to the Republican primary. The ads feature Denham but do not endorse him; instead Denham is promoting a concert to benefit the charity which will be held at the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino. The question of legality stems from a candidate being barred from spending funds raised for state campaigns on federal elections.

While the commercials did not endorse Denham they did provide “valuable exposure”. [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/29/10; 5/17/10]

... Memo on Chukchansi Letterhead Suggests Concert Could Raise Funds for Denham

A memo on Chukchansi letter listed an item for a meeting as “On 5/28, the Charity Concert by Phil Vassar will be performing to raise funds for Jeff Denham and Joe Alberta campaigns.” The Chukchansi spokeswoman said “It is an inaccurate document. The document is not ours” and a consultant for Denham’s campaign said it was “obviously a misprint”. [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/29/10]

... The Chukchansi Indians Ran an Ad against Denham’s Opponents

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, owners of the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino, ran radio ads attacking Denham’s Republican opponents in the final days. The Chukchansi gave money to the “Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership” independent expenditure which ran ads against Denham’s opponents and in support of Denham. [[Fresno Bee](#), 6/9/10; FEC Report, Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership, 7/14/10; 6/04/10]

... Republican Representative Devin Nunes was vocally Critical of Denham

“We must ensure that Indian gambling revenues are not being used to fund political activities,” Nunes said at the May 19 hearing of the House Ways and Means Committee, adding that “I’m appalled by this exploitation of veterans.” Nunes added that “some members of the Chukchansi tribe contacted me, and they’re worried about this money being spent [improperly].” Nunes was supporting one of Denham’s opponents during the primary. [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/29/10]

... Even After Primary Rep. Nunes Accused Denham of Financial Misconduct

Representative Devin Nunes said that he would not support Denham’s campaign for Congress until “‘Serious illegalities’ in Denham’s campaign” were addressed. Nunes was the only local Representative to take this stance against Denham after the primary. [[Fresno Bee](#), 6/10/10]

... FEC Complaint Filed by Fresno Republicans

In 2010, Fresno Republicans Tal Cloud and Michael “Mike” Der Manouel Jr. requested an FEC investigation into “Denham for Congress Committee, the Chukchansi Tribal Government, the non-profit Remembering the Brave, Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership, and Gillard Blanning and Associates”. Michael Der Manouel Jr. was the chairman of the Lincoln Club of Fresno County in 2010. [FEC Letter of Complaint, 8/31/10; [Fresno Bee](#), 8/21/10]

... FEC Deadlocked on Continuing the Investigation, Dropped Investigation

In 2011, the FEC dropped their investigation of Denham’s alleged FEC violations. According to the [Modesto Bee](#), the FEC unanimously dismissed five allegations while deadlocking on three concerning Denham’s 2010 campaign. The three remaining failed on a tie, three-to-three, vote. Of the three remaining allegations two were focused on the Remembering the Brave Foundation while the third was focused on where or not the FEC had “reason to believe that Jeff Denham, Jeff

Denham for State Senate and David Bauer, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Denham for Congress and David Bauer, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R § 110.3(d). [[Modesto Bee](#), 9/26/11; FEC Executive Session, [8/02/11](#)]

***NOTE:** 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) states: Federal candidates 1) In general a candidate, individual holding Federal office, agent of a candidate or an individual holding Federal office, or an entity directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained or controlled by or acting on behalf of 1 or more candidates or individuals holding Federal office, shall not - (A) solicit, receive, direct, transfer, or spend funds in connection with an election for Federal office, including funds for any Federal election activity, unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act; or* [Find Law, Accessed [11/02/11](#)]

Denham Took Potentially Illegal Plane Ride with Karl Rove

In 2010, Denham took a flight on a plane owned by Harris Farms; also on the flight was Karl Rove.

According to the [Fresno Bee](#), Denham rode on a plane owned by Harris Farms with Andy Vidak (then candidate for the 20th Congressional District), Karl Rove and two of his aides, and Harris Farms CEO John Harris. The flight went from Fresno to East Bay, where Rove and his aides left, and then on to Coalinga (Denham's destination). This violated part of the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act signed by President Bush which made it against the law for House candidates to ride on corporate planes. Denham's Campaign paid \$150 for the flight. [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/06/10; FEC Form F3N April Quarterly, Debts and Obligations, 4/15/10]

Denham Hired a Lobbyist to be his Chief of Staff

In 2010, Denham hired Jason Larrabee to be his new chief of staff. Larrabee had been a registered lobbyist working for clean-energy and California water interests. [[Los Angeles Times](#), 1/05/11]

... Paid Chief of Staff \$42,000 Over Three Months

In 2011, Denham paid his lobbyist turned chief of staff Jason Larrabee \$42,000 between July, 1 2011 and September 30, 2011. Jason Larrabee previously lobbied on behalf of Clean Energy Systems Inc., Pacific Renewable Fuels Placer County, CA and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority. [2011 3rd Quarter Statements of Disbursement, accessed [11/29/11](#); Open Secrets, accessed [11/29/11](#)]

Denham signed a "No Earmark Pledge" then Supported Legislation a Local Paper called a Potential Earmark

In 2010, Denham signed the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee's 'No Earmarks Pledge' and said that standing against earmarks "seems like a very simple thing to do, but in the larger picture nationwide it is huge to controlling our debt".

In 2011, the [Modesto Bee](#) suggested that a bill Denham coauthored with Representative Nunes and McCarthy could be considered an earmark because it would use federal funds for a specific state project. The bill would have diverted about \$2.5 billion from federal high-speed rail funding to widen Highway

99. [Modesto Bee, 3/14/11, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee, 9/20/10; MyMotherLode.com, 5/12/10]

Sought to Earmark Bond Money for His District as a State Senator

In 2007, Denham introduced legislation to commit \$16.4 million in bond money to Stanislaus and Merced Counties in an effort to protect communities that flooded in 2006. [Sacramento Bee, 3/26/07]

Voted against Requiring Corporations to Disclose Political Contributions and Expenditures

In 2006, Denham voted against legislation which required corporations to provide their shareholders with detailed annual reports of all contributions and expenditures made for political purposes in the preceding fiscal year. [California State Senate Bill 1354, Vote 5/30/06]

Abortion and Family Planning Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Cosponsored a Bill Redefining Rape*
- ✓ *Supported a Bill to Prohibit Funding for Planned Parenthood*

Denham states that he is pro-life because his parents had him when they were only teenagers and for them there was not a choice. Denham cosponsored legislation which redefined the government's ability to provide funding for abortion only in the case of "forcible rape". Denham supported a bill which would have cut funding for Planned Parenthood.

Low Marks from Pro-Choice Organizations

Denham received 0 percent scores from advocates of abortion rights in three out of his eight years as a state senator.

The following table illustrates Denham's scores from these organizations:

Year	Organization	Score
2009	NARAL Pro-Choice California - Positions	0%
2009	Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California - Positions	0%
2008-2009	California Abortion and Reproductive Rights League - Positions	0%
2007	Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California - Positions on Reproductive Rights	0%
2006-2007	NARAL Pro-Choice California - Positions	0%
2006	NARAL Pro-Choice California - Positions on Reproductive Rights	0%

2006	Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California - Positions on Reproductive Rights	50%
2005-2006	NARAL Pro-Choice California - Positions	60%
2005	Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California - Positions	11%
2004	Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California - Positions	20%
2003-2004	NARAL Pro-Choice California - Positions	22%
2003	Life Priority Network - Positions	1%

[Project Vote Smart, accessed [12/6/11](#)]

Voted to Restrict Women's Reproductive Health Care

In 2011, Denham voted to allow hospitals to deny lifesaving health care to women and restrict a woman's ability to use her own private insurance for health care.

The bill barred insurance plans that receive federal subsidies, or if any of its customers receive federal subsidies under the new healthcare law, from covering abortion. The bill also increased conscience protections for health care providers who are anti-abortion.

According to the Huffington Post, the bill "would allow federally-funded hospitals that oppose abortions to refuse to perform the procedure, even in cases where a woman would die without it." [[The Virginian-Pilot](#), 10/14/11; [Orlando Sentinel](#), 10/14/11; Huffington Post, [10/11/11](#)]

The bill passed 251-172. [HR 358, [Vote #789](#), 10/13/11]

Denham even voted against a motion specifying that, under the underlying bill, health care providers were still required to provide care to prevent the death of pregnant women with emergency medical conditions. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/13/11]

The motion failed 173-249. [HR 358, [Vote #788](#), 10/13/11]

Voted to Limit Doctors' Education on Providing Abortions

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment which cut funding for educating doctors in how to provide abortions, which are sometimes necessary to protect the life and health of the mother.

The amendment banned the use of funds authorized by the underlying bill to teach medical students how to provide abortions. The amendment also banned the distribution of funds to educational health facilities which discriminate against entities that refuse to provide or pay for abortions.

According to the AP: "The proposal was presented as an amendment to the latest of several GOP bills to restrict funding for the health care act that was enacted last year. This bill gives Congress control over spending for a program to encourage health centers to provide training to medical residents. The amendment applies to funding in that grant program." [[Associated Press](#), 5/25/11; [The Hill](#), [5/24/11](#)]

The amendment passed 234-182. [HR 1216, [Vote #338](#), 5/25/11]

Voted to Undermine a Woman's Right to Choose

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which undermined and harmed women's health by limiting access and funding for abortions.

The bill dramatically changed the laws regarding abortion access and funding. The legislation made the annually-passed Hyde Amendment (barring the use of federal funds for abortion) permanent, prohibited federal medical facilities from providing abortion services, and kept individuals from "deducting abortion as a medical expense unless it was the result of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother".

The section on deducting abortion expenses led many to worry about "abortion audits" where the IRS would be charged with determining if a woman who became pregnant and used tax-exempt funds (health savings accounts or deducted the costs) to terminate the pregnancy met the specifications of the pregnancy being the result of rape or incest or if pregnancy risked the life of the mother. [[The American Independent](#), [5/04/11](#); [The Hill](#), [5/04/11](#); [Mother Jones](#), [3/18/11](#)]

The bill passed 251-175. [HR 3, [Vote #292](#), 5/04/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which specified that nothing in the bill allowed the federal government to access medical records of rape and incest victims.

The motion failed 192-235. [HR 3, [Vote #291](#), 5/04/11]

Voted to Defund Planned Parenthood

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which would insert a section in the FY11 Continuing Resolution which would prohibit Planned Parenthood and its affiliates from receiving federal funding.

The resolution would order the Clerk of the House to change H.R. 1473, the FY11 Continuing Resolution, to bar the use of the federal funds to go to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate. [[The Hill](#), [4/12/11](#)]

The bill passed 241-185. [H Con Res 36, [Vote #271](#), 4/14/11]

Voted to Prohibit the District of Columbia from Using Funds for Abortions

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill containing a policy rider which barred the District of Columbia from using federal or local fund to fund abortions.

The policy rider barred the District of Columbia from using federal or local funds to fund abortions with exclusions for the life of the mother, rape and incest. This is possible because the federal government ultimately controls the DC budget. The underlying bill was the final continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. [CQ BillAnalysis, [7/14/11](#); CQ Floor Votes, [4/14/11](#)]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, [Vote #268](#), 4/14/11]

NOTE: This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.

Voted to Restrict the District of Columbia from Using Funds to Pay for Abortions

In 2011, Denham voted to restrict the District of Columbia from using their funds to pay for abortions.

The bill also contained a policy rider which would have restricted the District of Columbia from using funds appropriated by the bill or its own tax dollars to pay for abortions with exceptions for the life of the mother and if the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. When the Senate amended the bill it struck most of the language and made it a simple Continuing Resolution which funded all government agencies through April 15th, 2011 with some reductions to FY10 funding levels. [CQ Weekly Report, [4/11/11](#)]

The bill underlying bill would have provided funds for the Department of Defense through the end of Fiscal Year 2011 and all other government agencies through April 15th, 2011, while cutting an additional \$12 billion.

The bill passed 247-181. [HR 1363, [Vote #247](#), 4/07/11]

Voted to Prohibit Any Government Funding for Planned Parenthood

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment that would bar all funding for Planned Parenthood Federation of America or its affiliates.

Conservatives had long targeted Planned Parenthood as a major abortion provider but the amendment would bar all federal funding. Planned Parenthood received some \$75 million received to provide family planning assistance, contraception, HIV counseling, cancer screenings and other medical services.

According to Susan Cohen, director of governmental affairs at the Guttmacher Institute research organization, for every dollar spent on contraception for low-income women, the government saves four dollars in medical costs within the next year by averting unwanted pregnancies. [[New York Times](#), 2/17/11]

A [New York Times](#) editorial pointed out that Republicans' assault on women's health would deny millions of women access to affordable contraception and life-saving cancer screening, as well as cut nutritional support for millions of newborn babies. [[New York Times](#), Editorial, 2/25/11]

The amendment passed, 240-185. [HR 1, Pence amendment #11, [Vote #93](#), 2/18/11]

Co-Sponsored Bill to Redefine Rape

In 2011, Denham co-sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act, which would redefine a ban on federal funding for abortions to exempt only "forcible rape" and not "rape" generally. [HR 3 Co-Sponsors, [112th Congress](#)]

According to the [Washington Post](#), the Act would make a version of the Hyde Amendment permanent. The Hyde Amendment, which had been renewed every year since 1976, prevented some federally-funded health care programs from covering abortions, with exceptions in cases of rape and incest, and when the life of the woman is threatened.

However, under the language proposed by the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act, rape becomes “forcible rape.” The Washington Post reported that the bill’s critics believed “the modifier could distinguish it from other kinds of sexual assault that are typically recognized as rape, including statutory rape and attacks that occur because of drugs or verbal threats.” [Washington Post, 2/01/11]

Denham said he is Pro-Life because his Parents were Teenagers when they had him

In 2010, during a Republican Primary Debate Denham said that he believes in the sanctity of life because his parents had him when they were teenagers and “it wasn’t a choice for them”. He also said that he has “always been a strong pro-life candidate. [ABC 30 Republican Primary Debate, 5/22/10]

Agriculture Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Cut \$30 Billion from Farm Spending Over the Following 10 Years*
- ✓ *Voted for Massive Cuts to the Department of Agriculture*
- ✓ *Voted Against Limiting Agriculture Subsidies for People Making More than \$250,000*
- ✓ *Voted Against Funds for Ethanol Blender Pumps and Storage Facilities*

Denham is an almond farmer in California’s Central Valley. Denham voted for a Republican Budget which cut \$30 billion from farm spending over the following 10 years. Denham voted for the Fiscal Year 2011 Agriculture Appropriations bill in the U.S. House of Representatives which provides for massive cuts to the Department of Agriculture. Denham also opposed limiting farm subsidies for people or legal entities making more than \$250,000, twice.

Voted to Cut \$30 Billion from Farm Spending over 10 years

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which would cut \$30 billion from farm spending over 10 years.

The Republican budget proposed cutting “farm spending by \$30 billion over 10 years.” These cuts would come from “a reduction in the \$5 billion-a-year in ‘direct payments’” and from reforming “the open-

ended nature of the government's support for crop insurance" this "would equal 20 percent of the projected spending on them, according to Congressional Budget Office figures". [[Reuters](#), [4/05/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Introduced Compromise Hen Cage Bill

In 2012, Denham introduced a compromise bill which would increase the size of hen cages.

The bill was worked out by the United Egg Producers and the Humane Society of the United States to roughly double the minimum floor space per hen. [[Modesto Bee](#), 1/25/12]

Introduced Water Rights Legislation to Benefit San Joaquin Farmers

In 2012, Denham introduced water rights legislation which would increase the flow of water to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley.

The bill would increase the flow of water to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley while taking it away from northern California farmers and halting the restoration of the San Joaquin River. The bill would leave "as much as 40 miles of the San Joaquin river dry, restore irrigation contracts and override fish and wildlife protections in the Sacramento Delta." [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), 2/17/12]

Voted for Massive Cuts to the Department of Agriculture

In 2011, Denham voted to cut the budget of the Department of Agriculture and programs funded through the USDA including food safety and nutrition programs.

The bill cut more than \$2.7 billion out of the discretionary budget of the Department of Agriculture, including \$832 million from the Women, Infants & Children Nutrition (WIC) Program. The FDA's food safety program was cut by \$87 million compared to what it was receiving in Fiscal Year 2011 or \$205 million less than the President's request. In addition, another \$35 million was cut from the USDA's food safety and inspection service.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which is supposed to stabilize commodity prices by regulating commodity speculation, was also cut by \$30 million. [[The Hill](#), [6/16/11](#); [Washington Post](#), 6/17/11]

The bill passed 217-203. [HR 2112, [Vote #459](#), 6/16/11]

Denham even voted against a motion to increase funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission with that funding going to regulate excessive speculation.

The motion failed 185-233. [HR 2112, [Vote #458](#), 6/16/11]

Denham Opposed Limiting Farm Subsidies for People Making more than \$250,000

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment which would have limited agriculture subsidies to people or legal entities making under \$250,000 per year.

According to Congressional Quarterly, this amendment “would bar the use of funds made available in the bill to pay the salaries and expenses of Agriculture Department personnel to provide commodity program benefits in excess of \$250,000 to a person or legal entity.” [H. Amdt. 124, [Vote 114](#), 2/18/11]

... Denham Again Voted Against Limiting Agriculture Subsidies

According to Congressional Quarterly, this amendment “would bar the use of funds made available in the bill to pay the salaries and expenses of Agriculture Department personnel to provide commodity program benefits in excess of \$250,000 to a person or legal entity.” [H. Amdt. 478, [Vote 445](#), 6/16/11]

Denham Voted Against Funding for Building Ethanol Blender Pumps and Storage Facilities

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment which would have barred the use of funds in the underlying bill for the construction of an ethanol blender pump or an ethanol storage facility. [H. Amdt.475, [Vote 454](#), 6/16/11]

... Denham Again Voted Against Ethanol

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment which would have barred the use of funds for the construction of an ethanol blender pump or an ethanol storage facility. [H. Amdt.175, [Vote 125](#), 2/19/11]

Wrote an Op-Ed on the Need for Better Labeling of Food which Limits Food Safety Risks

In 2006, Denham wrote an op-ed where he praised California growers for a plan to certify their produce if they are using “Good Agricultural Practices” which would limit food safety risks.

Denham states that the “Good Agricultural Practices” is a good first step but that “It is essential that we continue to increase our demands for food safety beyond this first step to include greater accountability and participation from the entire leafy green industry”. [[The Los Banos Enterprise](#), 12/29/06]

Denham Supported Ethanol in 2006 Op-Ed

In 2006, Denham wrote an op-ed in the Madera Tribune where he opined that “By supporting continued development of biofuels like ethanol and methane we can reduce our dependence on foreign energy”.

The op-ed discussed the number of ways that agriculture can help reduce our dependence on foreign energy. Denham uses the context of energy issues in California to suggest that while “Wind and solar power can generate a portion of our energy needs [...] by taping the energy in agriculture we have the potential energy source for the future.” [[Madera Tribune](#), 12/06/06]

Denham Opposed “Tougher” Food Safety Standards

In 2006, Denham opposed improving food safety standards when state Senator Dean Florez suggested that there should be further legislation imposing stricter standards on food safety.

Denham suggested that Florez was acting prematurely to an event of e. coli outbreak which occurred in 2004. Florez pointed out nine E. coli outbreaks had been traced to Salinas Valley spinach and lettuce between 1995 and 2006. [[The Bakersfield Californian](#), 10/12/06]

Authored a Bill to Fight Agriculture Crime

In 2003, Denham authored a bill which was signed into law creating the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program which will allow communities to create a task force to combat rural crime. This would target crimes found primarily in agricultural areas such as theft of farm equipment, chemicals, corps, etc. [[The Californian](#), 6/27/03]

... Secured Funding for Rural Crime Prevention in San Benito and Monterey Counties

Denham was able to secure \$200,000 for the rural crime program in San Benito County in the fiscal year 2006-07 budget. Denham had secured \$300,000 for Monterey County's rural crime prevention program for the previous year's state budget. [[The Californian](#), 7/10/06]

.... Authored Legislation to Extend the Rural Crime Prevention Program

In 2009, Denham introduced legislation, SB 44, to extend the sunset of the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program until 2015 which is set to schedule to expire July 1, 2010. Denham stated he was introducing the legislation to “ensure that rural crimes are not overlooked.” [Denham Press Release, 2/03/09; 3/31/09]

Authored a Bill to Increase Temporary Water Storage in the Central Valley

In 2011, Denham authored legislation to allow temporary increases in water storage behind the New Exchequer Dam. According to his press release, his bill would increase the available water by about 70,000 acre feet and would yield about 10,000 megawatt hours per year of hydroelectricity. [Denham Congressional Press Release, 3/02/11]

Said He Would Stick Up for Farmers on Water and Regulations

In 2012, Denham said he wanted to restore full water allocations for farmers who receive their water from the federal Central Valley Project.

He said he still maintained a farm in Atwater and was working on a bill that would loosen dust control regulations for farmers, saying that federal mandates have been overly burdensome on an industry that naturally produces dust. [[Patterson Irrigator](#), [1/11/12](#)]

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Supported a Budget Increasing the National Debt*
- ✓ *Supported the Republican Study Committee (RSC) Budget*
- ✓ *Stated that He Would not Support Increasing the Debt Ceiling, then Voted to Raise it*

Denham supported the Republican Study Committee (RSC) budget and the Ryan Budget in 2011. Denham also supported an increase to the debt limit after saying he would oppose such a measure and voting against it earlier in the year. Signed a no earmark pledge and then coauthored a bill that was called a “potential earmark” by a local paper.

Voted for a Budget which Increased Debt by \$8 Trillion

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which continued to increase the national debt over the next ten years.

According to Roll Call, “Under Ryan's plan, the national debt would still increase \$8 trillion over the coming decade to \$23 trillion.” [Roll Call, [4/06/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Voted Against Shutting Down Government

In 2011, Denham voted for a federal funding measure that was designed to avert a government shutdown.

The bill included nine outstanding appropriations bills, extended unemployment insurance and a payroll tax break for 160 million working Americans through February 2012.

At issue was how to fund the spending plan. Democrats were hoping to impose a surtax on people earning \$1 million or more per year, while Republicans mainly wanted to cover the \$120 billion cost by reducing unemployment benefits and freezing federal workers’ pay. With the two parties locked in a stalemate, the bill was struck as a compromise and a means to prevent the government from shuttering. [ABC News, [12/13/11](#); [LA Times](#), [12/15/11](#); ABC News, [12/16/11](#); Bloomberg, [12/20/11](#); CQ Bill Analysis, [2/02/12](#)]

The bill passed 296-121. [HR 2055, [Vote #941](#), 12/16/11]

Voted for a Balanced Budget Amendment

In 2011, Denham voted for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.

The resolution would have amended the Constitution to require the balancing of the federal budget by, whichever happens second, fiscal year 2018 or the second fiscal year after ratification by the states. The amendment would require three-fifths of the house to approve debt ceiling increases and deficit spending and a majority to waive the requirement during times of war or serious military threat. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/18/11]

Critics of the amendment noted that it would require severe cuts that Congress had previously refused to pass and would limit the government's ability to respond to economic turmoil. [[Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), 11/18/11]

The resolution failed to reach the required two-thirds majority, 261-165. [H J Res 2, [Vote #858](#), 11/18/11]

... Advocated for Balanced Budget Amendment

In 2011, Denham advocated for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. He criticized Congress for failing to take the opportunity to get the nation's debt under control. He wrote "Had this amendment passed, we would not be facing the debt crisis threatening our economy and our country's future today." [Op-ed, Rep. Denham, Modesto Bee, 11/18/11]

Voted to Increase the Debt Limit by \$2.4 Trillion

In 2011, Denham voted to allow the debt ceiling to be increased by \$2.4 trillion.

The bill allowed the President to immediately raise the debt ceiling by \$400 billion as a way to avoid a looming default that experts predicted would have a catastrophic effect on the nation's economy. It would also later raise the debt ceiling by \$500 billion after members of Congress were allowed to cast a largely symbolic resolution disapproving of the increase.

As a way to reduce the deficit by at least \$2.1 trillion over the next decade, the bill established a bipartisan bicameral "super committee" that was instructed to find at least \$1.2 trillion in savings. In order to provide an incentive for the "super committee" to reach an agreement that had previously eluded other attempts to find consensus on spending cuts, the bill contained a "trigger" (referred to as "sequestration") that would automatically cut \$1.2 trillion in spending over nine years—spread equally between defense spending and domestic programs—should Congress fail to act. [CRS, [8/19/11](#); [New York Times](#), [8/1/11](#); CBS News, [6/28/11](#); Third Way, [The Dominoes of Default](#), [5/11](#); [Wall Street Journal](#), [1/19/12](#)]

While the Budget Control Act passed 269-161, the "super committee" later failed to reach an agreement. [HR 690, [Vote #690](#), 8/01/11; CNN, [11/21/11](#)]

Voted Against \$500 Billion Increase in the Debt Ceiling

In 2011, Denham voted against a \$500 billion increase in the debt ceiling.

The bill was a disapproval of the \$500 billion increase in the debt ceiling which was authorized under the debt ceiling agreement which passed on August 1st, 2011. In order for the increase to not go into effect the disapproval bill would have to pass both the House and the Senate and be signed into law. According to Congressional Quarterly Weekly “164 House Republicans – plus two Democrats – voted to disapprove a debt ceiling increase after having vote Aug. 1 to permit it. [...] this was just a paramount example of the political game that lawmakers play when they want things both ways.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/14/11; [Congressional Quarterly Weekly](#), 9/17/11]

The bill passed 232-186. [HJ Res 77, [Vote #706](#), 9/14/11]

Voted for an Extreme Tea Party Budget

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which would have enacted the Fiscal Year 2012 Republican Study Committee Budget.

The budget would have called for the repeal of the 2010 health care bill, increased the retirement age for Social Security eligibility and Medicare eligibility, would have fundamentally changed both the Medicare and Medicaid programs and would have cut mandatory spending by \$1.9 trillion over 10 years.

According to the New York Times, “This plan goes even further than Mr. Ryan’s approach, proposing \$1.7 trillion of tax cuts over the next five years and reducing agency budgets by about 30 percent — more than the 15 percent offered by Mr. Ryan’s plan. Additionally, the federal workforce, under the committee’s vision, would be greatly reduced and the Medicaid and Medicare programs would be overhauled.” [NYTimes.com-The Caucus Blog, [4/15/11](#)]

The bill failed 119-136. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #275](#), 4/15/11]

Denham Voted to Raise the Debt Limit

National Debt Grew over \$1 Trillion Under Denham’s Watch. Since Denham assumed office, the national debt has grown \$1,007,075,025,474.17 from \$9,384,965,101,319.63 to \$10,392,040,126,793.82. [[Treasury Direct](#), accessed 12/12/11]

2011: Voted to Increase Debt Limit

In 2011, Denham against a bill that would increase the statutory debt limit by \$2.406 trillion to \$16.7 trillion in a bill aimed at increasing the statutory limit on the public debt. The voted failed under suspended rules, 97-318. [HR 1954, [Vote #379](#), 5/31/11; CQ Floor Votes, 5/31/11]

Voted for Cut, Cap and Balance Plan to Hold Debt Limit Hostage

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which only raised the debt limit if there were cuts to the federal budget, caps on federal spending and Congress passed a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

The bill would have cut \$111 billion from the federal budget, except for Medicare, Social Security and defense programs, in Fiscal Year 2012. The bill would have also capped federal spending at “21.7 percent

of GDP for 2013, 20.8 for 2014, 20.2 for 2015, 20.1 for 2016, 19.9 for 2017, 19.7 for 2018, and 19.9 percent for 2019 through 2021”. Lastly the bill would have required the passage of a balanced budget amendment before the debt limit would be raised. [[Washington Post](#), 7/19/11; [New York Times](#), 7/19/11; [The Hill](#), [7/15/11](#)]

The bill passed 234-190. [HR 2560, [Vote #606](#), 7/19/11]

Voted to Increase the Debt Ceiling

In 2011, Denham voted to increase the debt ceiling as part of passing the Budget Control Act.

The bill allowed for a debt ceiling increase of \$900 billion (\$400 billion would be automatic and \$500 billion would be subject to a vote of disapproval) in exchange for a cap that would reduce government spending by \$917 billion from FY 2012 through 2021. The bill would also create a bipartisan, bicameral committee to find an additional \$1.8 trillion in cuts. There would be an additional \$1.6 trillion debt ceiling increase if Congress agreed to the cuts from the committee and passed a balanced-budget constitutional amendment. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/29/11; [New York Times](#), [7/29/11](#); [CRS](#), [10/5/11](#)]

According to the [Buffalo News](#):

[The bill] would immediately increase the nation's debt limit by \$900 billion in tandem with \$917 billion in budget cuts over 10 years. The second step of the debt ceiling increase would come in six months -- but only in the unlikely event that two-thirds of the House and Senate approve a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. [[Buffalo News](#), [7/30/11](#)]

The bill passed 218-210. [S. 627, [Vote #677](#), 7/29/11]

Voted Against Raising the Debt Limit

In 2011, Denham voted against raising the debt ceiling.

The bill, which was brought up under suspension of the rules and would have required a two-thirds vote to pass, would have raised the debt ceiling by \$1.2 trillion, \$784 billion of which could be stopped by a resolution of disapproval. An additional \$1.2 trillion would be available for the debt ceiling increase but would be subject to a resolution of disapproval. The bill would also set spending caps for FY2012-2021 to reduce spending by about \$840 billion. A bipartisan, bicameral committee would also be created to suggest ways to reduce the deficit to 3 percent of GDP. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/30/11]

The bill failed 173-246. [HR 2693, [Vote #682](#), 7/30/11]

Denham Opposed Raising the Debt Ceiling Before He Voted to Raise the Debt Ceiling

In 2010, Denham told ThinkProgress in a videotaped question and answer that he would not vote for raising the debt ceiling because he was worried about passing the debt on to his children.

In 2011, Denham voted to raise the debt ceiling as part of a package that would reduce spending. [ThinkProgress, 11/15/10; S. 365, [Vote #690](#), 8/01/11]

Voted for an Increase in Defense Spending

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill increasing defense spending by \$17 billion dollars.

The legislation funded the Department of Defense at \$17 billion dollars more than Fiscal Year 2010 levels, the only department that “will see a double-digit increase in its budget beginning Oct. 1.” [Fox News, [7/08/11](#)]

The bill passed 336-87. [HR 2219, [Vote #532](#), 7/08/11]

Voted Against Cutting Oil and Gas Subsidies Instead of Education to Balance the Budget

In 2011, Denham voted against prioritizing subsidies for major oil and gas companies and corporate jets as spending cuts before cutting education spending to help balance the budget.

The motion would have amended the underlying bill “to make sure it raised taxes on corporate jets and oil companies before cutting funding for education.” [Buffalo News, 7/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/29/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [S. 627, [Vote #676](#), 7/29/11]

Voted to Allow the Reopening of the Second Engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

In 2011, Denham voted to ban funds for the improvement of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter engines unless the Department of Defense makes money available for purchasing the F-35 alternative engine.

The FY2012 Defense Authorization bill contained a number of policy riders including one which states that no government money would go to the alternative engine but that the group could continue to work on the engine at their own cost. Also, the rider “would require the Pentagon to create competition for the F-35 engine contract should certain enhancements be made to the main engine.” [The Hill, [5/25/11](#); Marine Corps Times, 5/23/11; CQ BillAnalysis HR 1540, 7/04/11]

The bill passed 322-96. [HR 1540, [Vote #375](#), 5/26/11]

Voted for Budget Reductions in the FY11 Continuing Resolution

In 2011, Denham voted for a Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011. This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.

Denham voted for a compromise bill which funded the federal government through the end of FY11 (September 30th, 2011). This bill is based on FY10 funding levels with a number of program reductions, eliminations and reclamation of already appropriated funds. The bill sets discretionary spending levels for FY11 at \$1.055 trillion. [CQ BillAnalysis, [7/14/11](#); CQ Floor Votes, [4/14/11](#)]

According to [Politico](#): “As it is, six months into the fiscal year, the 451-page bill puts Cabinet departments and agencies on permanent footing, but at a spending level nearly \$38 billion below what it was when the new Congress began in January. Nondefense spending is hardest hit, with a reduction closer to \$42 billion, and the new appropriations target — just shy of \$1.0498 trillion — is \$78.5 billion less than President Barack Obama’s initial 2011 budget requests from a year ago.” [[Politico](#), [4/14/11](#)]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, [Vote #268](#), 4/14/11]

Voted to Circumvent the Constitution to Dramatically Cut Federal Funding

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which deemed HR 1 (2011), the Republican FY2011 Continuing Resolution, as law and would have prevented lawmakers and the president from receiving pay if the government was shut down for more than 24 hours.

The legislation would have enacted HR 1 into law if the Senate had not passed a bill to fund the government through the rest of Fiscal Year 2011 by April 6th, 2011.

According to the Los Angeles Times, “Another section tried to revive a House spending plan that was killed by the Senate last month. Under the resolution passed Friday, the dead bill would come back to life and become law, without the president’s signature, if the Senate does not pass a bill funding the government for the rest of the 2011. The Senate would need to act by Wednesday.” [[Los Angeles Times](#), [4/01/11](#)]

According to Republican Congressman Louie Gohmert from Texas during a floor speech on this bill, “[...] for a bill to say provisions that pass the House are hereby enacted into law violates my conscience and the Constitution.” [Congressional Record, [p. H2245](#), 4/01/11]

The bill passed 221-202. [HR 1255, [Vote #224](#), 4/01/11]

Voted Against Additional \$22 Billion in Cuts

In 2011, Denham voted against an additional \$22 billion in cuts, pushed by conservative freshmen and the Republican Study Committee. The amendment would have reduced funding for the legislative branch by 11 percent and all other continuing resolution funding by 5.5 percent, with exemptions for the Department of Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs and for aid to Israel.

Out of 87 freshmen Republicans, 58 – or about two-thirds – voted in favor of the amendment.

The cuts were so extreme that Republican Study Committee member Jo Bonner said he worried that the amendment “would take a more indiscriminate, hatchet approach” to the budget. Dan Lungren, a former RSC chairman, said, “Across-the-board cuts are lazy members’ way to achieve something.” Lungren also warned colleagues that the amendment would “paralyze” the U.S. Capitol Police [CQ Today, 2/18/11; [Washington Post](#), [2/18/11](#)]

The amendment was rejected, 147-281. [HR 1, Blackburn amendment #104, [Vote #103](#), 2/18/11]

Voted for Ryan Budget to Produce Huge Tax Windfalls for Nation’s Wealthy

In April 2011, Denham voted for the Fiscal Year 2012 Republican/Ryan budget. The Columbian reported that the 2012 House Republican budget's proposals to lower the highest tax bracket in the federal tax code from 35 percent to 25 percent a "change that would produce a huge tax windfall for the nation's wealthiest individuals and corporations." [H. Con. Res. 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11; Columbian, 4/16/11]

Former McCain Advisor Said Budget Would Result in 1.7 Million Fewer Jobs

According to the Mark Zandi of Moody's, a former economist for the McCain 2008 Presidential Campaign, the Ryan approach would result in 1.7 million fewer jobs, including 900,000 next year, than is the case under the president's proposal. [Moody's Analytics, 4/14/11; H. Con. Res. 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11]

Supported Massive Cuts to Federal Programs that Cost Jobs

In 2011, Denham supported massive cuts to federal programs that cost jobs.

Denham Was a Member of the Republican Study Committee

As of January 2011, Jeff Denham was listed as a member of the Republican Study Committee. [Republican Study Committee Member List; 1/16/11]

While Denham Was a Member of the Republican Study Committee, It Proposed the Spending Reduction Act of 2011

In January 2011, while Denham was a member of the Republican Study Committee, it proposed the Spending Reduction Act of 2011. [Rep. Jim Jordan Press Release, 1/20/11]

The Act was introduced to the Congress and referred to several House committees. [112th Congress, HR 408]

Spending Reduction Act of 2011 Called for Cuts of More than 40 Percent to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending

According to 2011 analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Spending Reduction Act of 2011 would cut non-defense discretionary spending by more than 40 percent.

"By 2021, it would reduce non-defense appropriations by 42 percent below what the Congressional Budget Office says is needed to maintain last year's funding level, adjusted only for inflation," the CBPP blog read. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities blog, 1/21/11]

Cuts to Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Cost Jobs

According to 2011 analysis by the Economic Policy Institute, cuts to non-defense discretionary spending would cost jobs.

“Focusing on deficits now is not only a distraction, but actually undermines the goal of generating more jobs. In fact, making these cuts to the discretionary budget would reduce the number of jobs available significantly. Okun’s rule of thumb states that when gross domestic product (GDP) declines, there is a correlating increase in unemployment. A \$60 billion cut, when assigned a fiscal multiplier of 1.5, would impact GDP by roughly \$90 billion for the rest of this fiscal year alone. This would result in a decline in output by a little more than one-half of a percentage point of GDP, resulting in a loss of around 590,000 jobs,” the Economic Policy Institute reported. [Emphasis added; “Discretionary Spending Cuts Would Reduce Jobs, Hurt Social Programs”, epi.org, [1/25/11](http://epi.org)]

Voted for \$61 Billion in Draconian Cuts for Rest of 2011 Fiscal Year

In 2011, Denham voted for \$61 billion in draconian cuts for a continuing resolution to finish fiscal year 2011.

The cuts slashed the maximum Pell Grant by \$845; would drop 218,000 children from the Head Start program; would cut 55,000 teachers and teacher assistants from schools; could result in 5,500 fewer researchers compared to FY 2010 funding and 20,000 fewer researchers compared to the FY 2011 request; cut \$1.6 billion from the National Institutes of Health; cut \$250 million border security technology funding; and would result in a total loss of 700,000 jobs. [Democratic Leader press [release](#)]

An analysis by the investment bank Goldman Sachs predicted that the Republican spending cuts would cause great damage to the economy, slowing growth by as much as two percentage points in the second and third quarters of 2011. [[Washington Post](#), [3/13/11](#)]

The measure passed, 235-189. [HR 1, [Vote #147](#), 2/19/11]

Voted to Set Spending Caps without Disclosing Dollars Amounts

In 2011, Denham voted to adopt a resolution setting a spending cap reducing non-security discretionary spending to fiscal 2008 levels.

The resolution did not provide specifics, such as a dollar amount or definition of non-security spending. Democrats criticized the resolution as a “public relations exercise” timed by Republicans in advance of that evening’s State of the Union address by President Obama. [CQ Today, [1/25/11](#)]

“You have no idea what you are voting on,” Minority Whip Steny Hoyer said of the resolution without numbers. Rep. Jim McGovern challenged each Republican speaker, “What’s the number, what’s the cut?” [[Politico](#), [1/25/11](#)]

The resolution passed, 256-165. [H Res 38, [Vote #20](#), 1/25/11]

Denham Signed a “No Earmark Pledge” then Supported Something a Local Paper Called a Potential Earmark

In 2010, Denham signed the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee’s ‘No Earmarks Pledge’ and said that standing against earmarks “seems like a very simple thing to do, but in the larger picture nationwide it is huge to controlling our debt”.

In 2011, the Modesto Bee suggested that a bill Denham coauthored with Representative Nunes and McCarthy could be considered an earmark because it would use federal funds for a specific state project. [Modesto Bee, 3/14/11, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee, 9/20/10; MyMotherLode.com, 5/12/10]

California Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Supported Deregulation of California's Power System*
- ✓ *Authored Legislation to make the California Legislature Part-time*
- ✓ *Supported Making Secretary of State Non-Partisan*
- ✓ *Helped Secure Funding Ensuring the Opening of University of California at Merced*

Denham supported deregulating the California power system. Denham authored legislation to make the California State Legislature part-time. Denham authored legislation to make the Secretary of State a non-partisan position to help remove the politics from the position. Denham also introduced legislation reforming how the state would sell off excess public buildings.

Supported Deregulation of California's Power System

In 2002, at a debate for the California 12th Senate District, Denham said that the 2001 energy crisis was Governor Davis's fault and said that deregulating California's power system was the best way to go.
[Modesto Bee, 9/27/02]

Sponsored Legislation Regarding Flood Control on the Lower Merced River

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation which clarified the definition of flood control operations for the purposes of the operation maintenance of Project No. 2179 on the Lower Merced River. The bill was cosponsored by fellow Central California Representatives Cardoza, Costa, McCarthy, and Nunes.
[Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 869, accessed 11/29/11]

Sponsored Legislation to Facilitate the Central Valley Project

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation "to facilitate certain activities, alleviate the extra regulatory burdens, and reduce costs related to carrying out projects of the Central Valley Project". The bill was cosponsored by fellow Central California Representatives Cardoza, Costa, McCarthy, and Nunes.
[Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 1604, accessed 11/29/11]

Denham Opposed Public Transportation between Fresno and Yosemite

In 2011, Denham said he opposed a bus system which was proposed by the Fresno Council of Governments. He said that he was afraid it might hurt tourism in the areas between Fresno and Yosemite. He also said “We can’t afford any subsidies on any more public transportation [...] if it’s subsidized, like you say it is, we’ll work against it.” [[Sierra Star](#), 3/10/11]

Named the “Legislator of the Year” by the Associate Students of the University of California, Davis

In 2010, Denham was named the “Legislator of the Year” for the 2009-2010 academic year by the advocacy group for the Associated Students of the University of California, Davis. They cited his bill in the state senate which would limit student fee increases at the University of California. [PR Newswire, 5/26/10]

Authored Legislation to Make California’s Legislature Part-Time

In 2009, Denham authored legislation to make California’s legislature part time and to revert to a two year budgeting process. He cited a vote by the Assembly and the Senate to release 27,000 criminals as the “last straw”, maintaining that “its usefulness as a full-time institution no longer exists”. [Denham Press Release, 9/21/09]

Introduced Legislation to Disband the California Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB)

In 2008, Denham introduced legislation which eliminated the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Denham cited that the members of the board are paid \$132,178 per year and have little accountability, as well as a number of different groups which criticized the IWMB including Governor Schwarzenegger, the [Sacramento Bee](#), and the California Legislative Analyst. [Denham Press Release, 12/08/08]

Introduced a “State Properties Reform Package”

In 2008, Denham introduced a “State Properties Reform Package.” Some of the bills in this package required selling San Quentin Prison and its property, selling the Los Angeles Coliseum and the surrounding land, and would require the Department of General Services to identify \$1 billion worth of state property that could be sold immediately to close the state budget deficit. [Denham Press Release, 12/02/08]

Authored Legislation to Sell the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

In 2008, Denham authored legislation in the state senate to sell the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena, and the land they sit on. The bill allowed “either a private sector entity or local agencies such as Los Angeles County or the City of Los Angeles to buy the land and improve the Coliseum.” Denham suggested his bill would help, in part, with the state’s budget deficit. [Denham Press Release, 5/12/08]

Helped Secure Funding for University of California at Merced

In 2006, Denham worked with Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews, a Democrat from Tracy, to ensure funding for the University of California at Merced. [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/11/06]

Honored by the American Police Hall of Fame

In 2006, Denham was awarded the “Venerable Order of the Knights of Michael the Archangel” for his service to the community and acts of valor. They cited his work on the rural crime task force, Jessica’s law and fighting criminal street gangs. [[The Californian](#), 6/17/06]

Supported and Opposed Bond Package

In 2006, Denham supported parts of a bond package which would revitalize Highway 99. Denham was the only senator to vote against the levee portion of the package, he said it did not provide enough funding for a new dam on the San Joaquin River. Denham also voted against the housing and education bonds. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 5/10/06]

Authored Legislation to Regulate University of California Salaries

In 2006, Denham wrote and introduced legislation which called for the California State Legislature to condemn the salary practices at University of California (UC) and to bring a vote to the people of California if the salary practices at UC are not changed. This legislation stems from a report that UC gave out \$871 million in secret/hidden bonuses/compensation to top UC employees. Also more than 2,300 UC employees were making more than \$200,000 annually and about 500 made more than \$300,000 annually. [[Modesto Bee](#), 1/05/06]

Supported Making California Secretary of State a Non-Partisan Position

In 2004, Denham introduced a constitutional amendment which turned California’s Secretary of State into a non-partisan position. It would end the party nominating process and candidates would run without their party affiliation listed on the ballots, it also kept political parties from endorsing specific candidates for Secretary of State. [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), 12/10/04]

... Wrote an Editorial Expressing His Support for Non-Partisan Secretary of State

In 2005, Denham wrote: “As the chief elections officer, the secretary of state must hold the public trust, and serve with utmost ethics. If we do not have full faith in the integrity and independence of our elections, then our democracy has failed.” [[Sacramento Bee](#), 2/22/05]

Opposed the Removal of the Hetch Hetchy Dam

In 2004, Denham wrote an op-ed in which he opposed the removal of the Hetch Hetchy dam because he felt it was a “half-baked idea at best.” He said that it was “the radical left [trying] to quickly get what it wants at all costs.” In the op-ed he supports hydro-electricity that is generated by the Hetch Hetchy dam as being “clean electricity”. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 10/31/04]

Executive Order Enacts State Property List Legislation

In 2004, Denham had introduced a plan to list and sell off state-owned land. Part of Denham's plan was enacted by Governor Schwarzenegger by executive order. According to the executive order all state agencies were required to make a catalog of all their property and assets in order to facilitate selling off the excess during the summer of 2004. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 5/15/04]

Donated \$17,000 in Campaign Funds to the Recall of Gov. Davis

In 2003, Denham donated \$17,000 from his campaign fund to the recall of then-Democratic Governor Gray Davis. Denham supported and campaigned with Arnold Schwarzenegger. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 10/20/03]

Sought State Funds for the Scott Peterson Trial

In 2003, Denham authored legislation, which passed the budget process but was line-item vetoed by Governor Davis, to provide funds to Stanislaus County in an effort to help cover expenses from the trial of Scott Peterson. [[Modesto Bee](#), 8/21/03]

... Sought to Introduce a Bill to Force the State of California to Cover the Total Cost of the Trial

In 2004, Denham announced that he was going to introduce a bill to force the state to cover 100% of the investigation, arrest and prosecution of Scott Peterson which was estimated to cost up to \$5 million including the cost of appeals. [Associate Press, 11/18/04]

... Part of the Cost of the Scott Peterson Case was reimbursed

In 2006, the State Controller reimbursed part of the cost of the Scott Peterson investigation, arrest and prosecution. The reimbursement totaled \$1,981,626 and included \$1,217,567 to Modesto County. [US States News, 3/28/06]

Supported Arnold Schwarzenegger Early in the Recall

In 2003, Denham supported Arnold Schwarzenegger's bid for governor to replace Governor Gray Davis.

According to the Merced Sun-Star, Denham said "Schwarzenegger's lack of political experience 'is exactly why we do need him as governor.'" [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 08/12/03]

Sought to Eliminate the California Coastal Commission

In 2003, Denham authored a bill to eliminate the California Coastal Commission and return the control of coastal development to the local governments. According to Denham this would shrink out of control government and help with the state's \$38 billion budget crisis and prevent "hundreds of teachers and police officers" from being laid off. The California Coastal Commission costs about \$16 million a year. [[The Monterey County Herald](#), 7/19/03]

California Budgets

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Six of the Eight Fiscal Year Budgets that Were Voted on While He was a State Senator*
- ✓ *Voted the California Fiscal Year 2007 Budget which Included a \$3.4 Billion Operating Deficit*
- ✓ *Played a Role in the Delay of the 2007 Budget, which led to the Senate Leader Leading a Recall against Denham*
- ✓ *Voted for Drilling off the Coast of Santa Barbara*

While Denham was a State Senator in California he had the chance to vote on eight different final budgets. Denham voted for the budgets in 2005 and in 2006, the 2006 vote was for a budget with a \$3.4 billion operating deficit. He voted against six of these budgets typically citing cuts to education, deficit spending, or taxes. An attempt to recall Denham stemmed from his opposition to the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year budget. Denham also voted to drill off the coast of Santa Barbara.

Voted Against the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 California State Budget

In 2010, Denham voted against California's fiscal year 2010-2011 budget.

Denham was one of 9 no votes in the state senate. This budget was approved 100 days late. [Reuters, 10/8/10; California State Senate Bill [870](#), Vote [10/08/10](#)]

The budget contained \$7.4 billion in cuts including:

- \$3.1 billion being cut from K-14 education,
- \$200 million from higher education,
- \$900 million from health and human services,
- \$1.1 billion from corrections,
- \$1.5 billion from employee compensation packages, and
- \$500 million in additional cuts. [Eureka Times Standard, 10/09/10]

Voted Against the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 California State Budget

In 2009, Denham voted against California's fiscal year 2009-2010 budget. Denham was one of 12 no votes in the state senate. The budget was passed in an extraordinary session. [Senate Bill [SBX3 1](#), Vote [2/19/09](#)]

In December 2008, a government shortfall, then-estimated at \$14.8 billion, led then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to call a special legislative session to address the budget issues. The special legislative session lasted into February 2009. The outcome of the session was to pass a budget which included tax increases and billions in budget cuts to close the \$42 billion budget deficit and should have balanced the state's budget through June 2010.

The total package included \$12.8 billion in tax hikes, \$15.1 billion in cuts as well as billions in borrowing and state stimulus money to rejuvenate California's economy. The passage of the bill ended a standoff which delayed refunds to taxpayers, payments to state vendors, state workers were forced to take unpaid furlough days and the governor's office had begun sending layoff notices which would have impacted 10,000 state employees.

The cuts included a cut to education spending of \$8.6 billion and California State University and University of California systems were cut by \$264.4 million. The package [[San Diego Union-Tribune](#), 12/11/08; [The Californian](#), 2/20/09]

... There were Multiple Budget Fixes in 2009

In 2009, there was a projected \$24 billion deficit in the California budget which required voters to change the budget which was passed earlier in the year. Denham voted against most, but not all, of the budget fixes for the 2009-2010 budget. [[Los Angeles Times](#), 7/01/09]

Denham said about the budget fixes, "I refuse to vote for a budget that will dump 27,000 criminals back on our streets, force the laying off of local cops and cuts access to the courts, making it harder to prosecute those that recommit crimes." [[Modesto Bee](#), 7/25/09]

... Voted for Offshore Drilling Near Santa Barbara

Denham voted to allow offshore drilling on the Santa Barbara Coast at Tranquillon Ridge as part of this round of budget votes. [[Modesto Bee](#), 7/25/09; California State Assembly Bill [ABX423](#), Vote [7/24/09](#)]

The following table is a list of bills that were part of the June and July 2009 budget negotiations, compiled from the California Legislative Counsel's Vote Database:

Date	Bill	Bill Name	Denham's Vote
June 29, 2009	SBx3 16	2009-2010 Budget Amendments	Nay
June 29, 2009	SBX3 17	Tax Law Amendments (2009-2010 Budget Financing)	Nay
June 30, 2009	SB 80	Shifting Redevelopment Agency Funds (2009-2010 Budget Financing)	Nay
June 30, 2009	SB 64	Education Spending Reductions (2009-2010 Budget Financing)	Nay
June 30, 2009	SB 74	Deferring Education Funding (2009-2010 Budget Financing)	Nay

<u>July 23, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 1</u>	2009-2010 Budget Amendments	Nay
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 26</u>	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions: Shifting Redevelopment Funds	Nay
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 23</u>	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions: Oil Drilling	Yea
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 19</u>	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions: In- Home Supportive Services Fraud	Yea
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 30</u>	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions: Transfer of Local Government Revenue	Nay
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 14</u>	2009-2010 Budget Amendments	Nay
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 2</u>	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions: Education Revisions	Nay
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>ABX4 15</u>	Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions: Implementing Prop 1A Suspension	Nay

Voted Against the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 California State Budget

In 2008, Denham voted against California's fiscal year 2008-09 budget.

Denham was one of 12 no votes in the state senate. The budget passed 77 days after it was supposed to be passed. According to the Sacramento Bee, "The compromise would solve the state's \$15.2 billion deficit largely by advancing revenues to be collected in future years, employing accounting maneuvers, and shifting or borrowing money from other state funds." [Sacramento Bee, 9/16/08; California State Assembly Bill 1781, Vote 9/16/08]

This budget included:

- No tax increases
- \$3 billion less in education spending than previously allotted
- \$1 billion less for public transit
- Eliminating an \$8 million methamphetamine prevention campaign [The Orange County Register, 9/24/08]

Voted Against the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 California State Budget

In 2007, Denham voted against California's fiscal year 2007-08 budget. Denham was one of 14 no votes which caused the budget to fall two votes short of passing. Denham said that he voted against the budget because it was not balanced and because it would take away the teacher's tax credit. [The Californian, 7/20/07]

The budget included:

- K-12 Education and UC and CSU systems were fully funded,
- Fully funded public safety,
- Did not raise taxes. [The Press Enterprise, 8/22/07; The San Diego Union-Tribune, 8/22/07]

... Pressured to Switch His Vote

In 2007, Denham was pressured to help break the budget impasse by switching his vote. Pressure came from a number of different people and groups including the teachers' unions, which were one of the groups Denham previously cited as his reason for voting against the budget. [[Fresno Bee](#), 7/26/07]

... State Superintendent Urged Denham to Change His Vote

In 2007, Denham was pressured by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell to end the budget impasse. [[Fresno Bee](#), 7/28/07]

... Urged by Nursing Home Workers to Change His Vote

In 2007, Denham was pressured by employees at several California nursing homes to switch his vote on the budget so they can receive Medi-Cal funding, which they cannot receive without an approved budget. [PR Newswire, 7/31/07]

... Urged by the Modesto Bee and The Merced Sun-Star to Change His Vote

In 2007, Denham was pressured by the editorial board at the Modesto Bee to change his vote to support the budget which was being blocked by Republicans. This came after state senator Abel Maldonado switched his vote to yes, which meant there was only one more vote needed to pass the budget. [[Modesto Bee](#), 8/03/07; [The Merced Sun-Star](#), 8/03/07]

... Budget Stand-off Ended After 52 Days

In 2007, the California budget stand-off ended when the GOP leader in the Senate, Dick Ackerman, joined Abel Maldonado to vote in favor of the bill. The Democrats started a recall of Denham in an effort to move him to vote for the budget, even after the budget passed they stated they would continue with the recall. [[The Californian](#), 8/27/07]

... Attempt to Recall Denham over the Budget Impasse

In 2007, California Democrats moved forward with their plan to recall state senator Denham over his refusal to vote for the state budget. The Democrats had to gather 31,084 signatures in order to get the recall on the ballot. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 10/03/07]

Voted For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 California State Budget

In 2006, Denham voted for the 2006-2007 California State budget. [California State Assembly Bill 1801, 2006, Vote [6/27/06](#)]

The budget included:

- \$55.1 billion to be spent on schools, almost \$5 billion more than the previous allocation,
- \$3.4 billion operating deficit,
- \$3 billion to pay back money the state had borrowed,
- \$145 million for drug-treatment programs. [[Contra Costa Times](#), 6/28/06; [Sacramento Bee](#), 6/28/06]

Voted For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 California State Budget

In 2005, Denham voted for the 2005-2006 California State budget.

The 2005 budget included funding to reimburse Modesto County for the costs of the Scott Peterson trial which Denham had pushed to get included. [[Modesto Bee](#), 7/08/05]

The budget also included:

- \$3 billion more for schools, bringing total education (including higher education) funding to \$61 billion,
- \$1.3 billion on roads and transportation projects,
- \$1.2 billion to city and county governments. [[The Dispatch](#), 7/08/05]

Voted Against the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 California State Budget

In 2004, Denham voted against the 2004-2005 California State budget. [[Modesto Bee](#), 7/08/05]

The budget included:

- Closing a tax loophole that allowed yacht owners to avoid the sales tax on their boats if they buy and keep them docked out state for 90 days,
- Suspended a tax credit for public school teachers for two years,
- Made permanent a \$4 billion car-tax reduction,
- Required community college and university student to pay more in fees,
- Made seniors, the disabled, and poor to wait three months for a cost-of-living increase to their stipends. [[The Daily News of Los Angeles](#), 7/30/04; [San Jose Mercury News](#), 7/30/04]

Voted against the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 California State Budget

In 2003, Denham voted against the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 California State budget.

Denham cited the cuts to education as his reason for voting against the budget, it cut \$161 million from the University of California system and the California State system lost \$125 million. Denham did say he did like the fact that the bill did not raise taxes. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 7/28/03]

This budget contained a tax break to landowners who agree to keep their land in open space or farmland and would have increased funding for K-12 from \$54.5 billion to \$55.8 billion or 2.3 percent. The budget would have not raised taxes and would have cut close to \$13 billion dollars. [[Associated Press](#), 7/28/03]

Pressed for Funding Nursing Homes during State Government Shutdown

Denham repeatedly pushed for funding for what his office referred to as “vital services for California’s most vulnerable” during the budget crises.

... Denham pushed to continue funding nursing homes and health clinics during the 2010 budget impasse

In 2010, Denham pushed to add language to a bill to “make payments to nursing homes, health clinics and other vital facilities during a budget impasse.” [Denham Press Release, 3/15/10]

... Denham pushed to continue funding nursing homes and health clinics during the 2008 budget impasse

In 2008, Denham pushed the Senate to consider AB 207 which “would have allowed the State to make payments to nursing homes, health clinics and other vital facilities during the budget impasse.” [Denham Press Release, 8/30/08]

... Denham pushed to continue funding vital services during the 2007 budget impasse

In 2007, Denham proposed legislation “to provide continuous funding for vital services when the budget is late.” [Denham Press Release, 4/08/10]

California State Senate Recall - 2008

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Senate Leader Led a Recall against Denham for his Refusal to Vote for the California State Budget in 2007*
- ✓ *Recall Effort Gathered Enough Signatures to Put Recall on the Ballot*
- ✓ *Charged the Signatures were Gathered Improperly*
- ✓ *Public Officials, Including Democrats, Spoke Out Against the Recall*
- ✓ *Senate Leader Dropped the Recall Campaign Before the Vote Happened*
- ✓ *Denham Won the Recall Vote with More than 84 Percent of the Vote*

The State Senate Leader, Don Perata, led a recall of Denham in 2008 in response to Denham obstructing the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 California State Budget. The recall effort obtained enough signatures to put the recall on a June 3rd, 2008 ballot. Denham recruited local officials and Democrats to speak out against the process, a local newspaper said the recall was for vindictive reasons. Don Perata dropped the recall campaign before the vote. Denham beat the recall with 84 percent of the vote.

Denham Avoided Recall, Received More than 84 Percent of the Vote

In 2008, Denham avoided being recalled by receiving more than 84 percent of the vote on June 3rd, 2008. Denham attributed his win to the voters being frustrated with the recall and the recall being an example of “politics at its worst”. [The Merced Sun-Star, 6/04/08]

Denham Authored Legislation to Fine or Imprison People Organizing False Petition Collection

In 2008, Denham authored legislation in the California state senate which would fine, up to \$5,000, or allow for imprisonment in jail, for up to one year, for any person, company or organization which directs or has knowledge about petition gatherers that sign false affidavits. Denham leveled the charge that the campaign and organizers had knowingly hired people from outside his district, who signed petitions claiming to be residents in his district, during the recall petition effort targeting Denham. [Denham Press Release, 5/09/08; The Merced Sun-Star, 4/03/08]

Merced Paper Said Recall was to “Punish Sen. Jeff Denham”

In 2008, the Merced Sun-Star listed a number of reasons they felt that State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata would have launched the recall against Jeff Denham from trying to get a Democratic supermajority in the state senate to undercutting Denham's ambitions for state-wide office and summarized that "[i]n the end, it was probably some mix of all those vengeful purposes". [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 5/09/08]

... Denham Recruited Democrats, Local Officials to Make Commercials against the Recall

In 2008, Denham recruited Democrats and local officials to make commercials speaking out against the recall. Former chair of the Stanislaus County Democratic Central, John Lazar, said in one commercial, "I'm very, very disappointed in our state party for involving themselves in something so frivolous." [Join with Jeff Commercial, 5/05/2008]

NOTE: Transcript of ads run against Denham and for Denham during the recall can be found in Appendix II – Paid Media History, 2007-2008 Recall Section.

The Organized Effort Against Denham Ended Before the Vote Happened

In May 2008, California State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata announced that he was no longer going to pursue the recall of Denham. The vote remained on the ballot but with the announcement the organized effort lost a great deal of funding and organization. Perata cited the upcoming budget as his reason for ending the effort. [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), 5/08/08]

Denham Filed a Legal Complaint against the Senate President Pro Tem for Attempting to Illegally Use Official Resources

In 2008, Denham filed criminal complaints against Don Perata, the Democratic Senate President Pro Tem, for attempting to illegally use official resources in Perata's campaign to recall Jeff Denham. Reports had come out that correspondence had been sent from Perata's official office and from a political consulting firm run by his consultant that could have constituted an abuse of power. The letter from Perata's official office was to Democratic senators ordering them to get their chiefs-of-staff involved in the upcoming elections and the letter from the consulting firm was to a translator at the state senate asking them to translate a campaign phone script. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 4/25/08]

Denham was attacked for Travel Expenses and Taking Pay Raises

In 2008, the Recall Jeff Denham campaign launched both a TV and radio ad against Denham in which they claim that he "secretly raised his pay by 20 percent" and that "He spent thousands on travel – while the Senate was in session." Denham responded by saying that the trips were to meet with the Presidential Candidate John McCain and attend campaign fundraisers. [Calitics (blog), 4/3/08; [The Merced Sun-Star](#), 4/05/08]

Denham Recall to be placed on Ballot

In 2008, California Democrats were able to gather enough signatures to force the governor to put the recall of state senator Jeff Denham on the ballot. It was the fifth time in the 90 years leading up to it that a legislator's constituents would have a chance to recall them. Denham had raised \$625,000 just to fight the

recall and already had another \$1 million dollars on hand in a separate campaign account. The recall was placed on the June 3rd, 2008 primary ballot. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 3/19/08; [The Californian](#) 4/02/08]

Denham raises almost \$500,000 to counter Recall

In 2008, Denham had raised almost \$500,000 to counter the recall effort that was being led by California Democrats in response to his unwillingness to change his vote on the 2007-08 state budget. Some of his funding came from Blue Cross of California, Hewlett-Packard, as well as “American Indian gambling groups, private racetracks and card rooms, and prison guards' political action committees”. Los Angeles Casinos PAC gave \$50,000, the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians gave \$50,000 and the Native Americans and Peace Officers Independent Expenditure Committee gave \$49,000. [[Modesto Bee](#), 2/18/08]

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Campaign Finance and Election Law Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Requiring Foreign Countries and Companies to Disclose Donations to Presidential Campaigns.*
- ✓ *Voted to Terminate Public Funding of Presidential Campaigns*

Denham voted against requiring foreign countries and companies to disclose donations to presidential campaigns. Denham also voted to terminate public funding of presidential campaigns.

Voted to End Public Financing of Presidential Campaigns

In 2011, Denham voted to end public financing to eligible presidential campaigns and to eliminate the Election Assistance Commission.

The bill terminated the public financing of presidential campaigns, which was funded by taxpayers voluntarily donating \$3 to the presidential primaries and general elections fund on their tax forms. The bill also terminated the Election Assistance Commission which was developed to help states modernize their voting equipment. [CQ Floor Votes 12/01/11; [Boston Globe](#), 12/02/11]

The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3463, [Vote #873](#), 12/01/11]

Voted Against Requiring Disclosure of Foreign Countries, Companies Donating to Presidential Campaigns

In 2011, Denham voted against requiring the disclosure of certain foreign entities donating to presidential campaigns, as well as donors spending over \$100,000 on those contests.

The motion to recommit would have required, more specifically, the disclosure of foreign countries, companies or individuals donating to presidential campaigns. [CQ Weekly, [1/31/11](#)]

The motion failed, 173-229. [H. Res. 359, [Vote #24](#), 1/26/11]

Voted to Terminate Public Funding of Presidential Campaigns, “Pander” to Corporate Money

In 2011, Denham voted to terminate the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, which provided public funding during presidential elections. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the move would reduce mandatory spending by \$617 million over 10 years.

The fund was established in the wake of the Watergate scandal and provided matching funds for presidential primary candidates and grants for general election candidates who comply with spending and contribution limits. The fund was financed through check-offs on income tax returns. An amendment, offered by Rep. Gary Peters, added language specifying that funds returned to the Treasury could only be used for reducing the benefits. [CQ Today, 1/26/11]

In an editorial in the New York Times, the paper noted that House Republicans were “pandering to the new corporate money trough legitimized by the Supreme Court” by cutting off the funding.

“The public subsidy remains popular in the public polls. Opponents may invoke budget savings – an estimated \$52 million a year – but there is no mistaking their aim is to destroy what has been a bulwark against the buying and selling of the presidency.” [New York Times, Editorial, 2/26/11]

The bill passed, 239-160. [HR 359, Vote #25, 1/26/11]

Consumer Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Weaken the American Financial System's Stability*
- ✓ *Voted to Shut Down Mortgage Aid Program*
- ✓ *Voted to Keep Vital Consumer Information from Consumers*
- ✓ *Voted to Shutdown Emergency Mortgage Relief, Even for Veterans*
- ✓ *Voted Against Providing Mortgage Relief for Rural Homeowners*
- ✓ *Voted to Remove Safety Standards on Food, Toys, and Drinking Water*
- ✓ *Voted Against Increasing Regulations on Subprime Mortgage Lenders*
- ✓ *Proposed Legislation to Weaken California's Vended Water Standards*
- ✓ *Voted to Strike Funding for the Legal Services Corporation*

Denham voted to weaken the American financial system's stability by removing the FDIC's ability to dismantle financial firms that threaten America's financial stability. Denham voted to shut down a number of mortgage aid programs including programs that help veterans, seniors, and rural homeowners. Denham voted against providing vital consumer information to consumers. Denham voted to remove safety standards on food, toys, and drinking water. Denham voted against increasing regulations on predatory lenders. Denham voted to cut all funding for the Legal Services Corporation which provides legal services to almost 60 million Americans who live at or below 125 percent of the poverty level.

Voted to Weaken the American Financial System's Stability

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which would repeal a provision of law allowing the FDIC to take control of and dismantle financial firms that threaten America's financial system's stability.

The Republican budget expressly stated that it would remove a key provision from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform bill which allowed the FDIC to take control of and dismantle financial firms which could do systemic damage to the American economy.

The budget also cut non-defense discretionary funding to 2008 levels, including for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC, from \$308 million to \$112 million, a \$196 million difference) and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC, from \$1.258 billion to \$906 million, a \$352 million difference), which some said was to impede these agencies from being able to comply with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform bill. [The Path to Prosperity, p. 34, accessed [10/6/11](#); [Wall Street Journal](#) – Washington Wire Blog, [4/5/11](#); [The Hill](#) – On the Money Blog, [4/7/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Voted to Increase Bureaucratic Inefficiency in Agency Rule-Making

In 2011, Denham voted to increase bureaucratic inefficiency by requiring Congressional approval of major agency rules.

The bill would require the United States Congress to approve agency rules if they would have an annual impact of more the \$100 million dollars or “would cause a major increase in costs or prices, or would have a significant adverse effect on competition employment, investment, productivity, innovation or U.S. economic competitiveness.” [CQ Floor Votes, 12/07/11]

The bill passed 241-184. [HR 10, [Vote #901](#), 12/07/11]

Denham even voted against a motion exempting country of origin labeling rules from the bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/07/11]

The motion failed 183-235. [HR 10, [Vote #900](#), 12/07/11]

Voted to Require Agencies to Choose the Least Costly Option

In 2011, Denham voted to require agencies to choose the least costly regulation when writing new regulations.

The bill required agencies to choose the least costly regulations when writing new regulations for businesses unless they could explain the reason for choosing a more expensive rule was “in the interest of public health and welfare.” [CQ Today, 12/02/11]

The bill passed 253-167. [HR 3010, [Vote #888](#), 12/02/11]

Before passage of the final bill, Denham voted against a motion which would have kept the bill from interfering with rules created by the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs to negotiate lower prescription drug prices. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/02/11]

The motion failed 186-233. [HR 3010, [Vote #887](#), 12/02/11]

Voted Against Protecting Government’s Authority to Issue Recalls of Contaminated Foods

In 2011, Denham voted against protecting the government's authority to issue mandatory recalls of suspected contaminated foods.

The amendment would have stipulated that nothing in the bill would have hindered the Food and Drug Administration's authority to issue mandatory recalls of suspected contaminated foods. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/01/11]

The amendment failed 188-233. [HR 527, [Vote #878](#), 12/01/11]

Voted Against Protecting Consumers from Predatory Lending, Financial Fraud

In 2011, Denham voted against banning individuals convicted of financial fraud from advertising or soliciting non-publicly traded securities.

The motion would have continued to ban advertising or general solicitation for non-publicly traded securities from individuals if they had been "convicted of fraud in connection with a financial transaction including predatory lending to a veteran." [CQ Floor Votes, 11/03/11; Congressional Record, 11/03/11]

The motion failed 190-236. [HR 2940, [Vote #827](#), 11/03/11]

Voted to Undermine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

In 2011, Denham voted to limit the effectiveness of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

The legislation would limit the effectiveness of the CFPB, a bureau created by the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory bill, which "has the authority to regulate financial markets in ways meant to improve consumer protection". The CFPB, which had a single director, would instead have a five-member board. This legislation would also change the two-thirds majority vote by the Financial Stability Oversight Council to override a CFPB decision to just a simple majority. [The Hill, [7/21/11](#); Washington Post, 7/22/11]

The bill passed 241-173. [HR 1315, [Vote #621](#), 7/21/11]

Voted Against Banning Airlines from Gouging their Customers

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment to the FAA Reauthorization bill which would require airlines to provide better information relating to baggage fees and to refund baggage fees if the luggage was lost, damaged or delayed.

The amendment, offered by Rep. Capuano, would have required airlines to refund any luggage fees charged for bags checked within 60 days of the flight and if the baggage was lost, delayed, or damaged. It would also require airlines and ticket vendors to disclose the cost associated with checking luggage when the price of the ticket was first quoted. [Congressional Record, [3/31/11](#)]

The amendment failed 187-235. [HR 658, [Vote #211](#), 3/31/11]

Voted to Terminate Program Helping Home Owners

In 2011, Denham voted to terminate the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). HAMP provided funds to mortgage servicers to help reduce mortgage holders' monthly payments.

The bill terminated the Treasury Department's authority to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). HAMP provided financial incentives to mortgage servicers that are intended to reduce borrowers' monthly payments to no more than 31 percent of monthly income. The Treasury Department allocated \$30 billion in Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for HAMP. [CQ House Action Reports, [3/28/11](#)]

The bill passed 252-170. [HR 839, [Vote #198](#), 3/29/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which would have allowed the HAMP to continue for active duty servicemen, their spouses or parents, or Gold Star eligible families.

The motion failed 185-238. [HR 839, [Vote #197](#), 3/29/11]

Voted to Ban Federal Funding for National Public Radio

In 2011, Denham voted to prohibit federal funds from being used to buy or create National Public Radio content for radio stations and would keep federal funds from going to National Public Radio.

The bill would prohibit direct funding of NPR, forbid local stations from using federal grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to pay membership dues to NPR, and forbid local stations from using federal funds to pay for programs whether they were produced by NPR or another organization. [[Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#), 3/18/11; CQ Floor Votes, 3/17/11]

The bill passed, 228-192. [HR 1076, [Vote #192](#), 3/17/11]

Voted to Terminate Redevelopment Assistance for Communities with High Foreclosure Rates

In 2011, Denham voted to terminate redevelopment assistance for communities with high foreclosure rates.

The bill rescinded the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and ended the program run by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. According to [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), the Neighborhood Stabilization Program was "designed to acquire foreclosed homes in at-risk neighborhoods, rehab them, and sell them to qualified buyers." [[Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 3/12/11; CQ Floor Votes, 3/16/11]

The bill passed 242-182. [HR 861, [Vote #188](#), 3/16/11]

Denham Voted to Shut Down Mortgage Aid Program

In 2011, Denham voted to shut down a federal program established to help homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth refinance their loans. A borrower current on his mortgage would qualify for a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) refinanced loan given that the lender wrote off at least percent of the unpaid mortgage principal.

The bill rescinded all unobligated funds allocated for the program under the 2008 financial industry bailout. The House adopted an amendment to direct those funds to be used to pay down the national debt.

Republicans argued that since only \$50 million of the \$8 billion obligated had been used, the program was ineffective. Others protested that the program was poorly advertised and had not had a chance to reach needy homeowners. [[Las Vegas Sun](#), 3/09/11]

The bill passed, 256-171. [HR 830, [Vote #171](#), 3/10/11]

Voted Against Protecting Senior Homeowners from Being Served Foreclosure Notices

In March 2011, before considering the mortgage aid program, Denham voted against a measure that would have required the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to determine the amount necessary – and appropriate that amount – to provide assistance under the FHA Refinance Program to senior homeowners.

The motion failed, 185-243. [HR 830, [Vote #170](#), 3/10/11]

Denham Voted to Shut Down Emergency Mortgage Relief Program

In 2011, Denham voted to shut down a program that provided emergency loans to unemployed homeowners facing foreclosure. The legislation would end the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program and rescind the unobligated funds.

The White House said it would veto the bill, saying that the program was needed to spur a housing recovery. The White House argued that that the loan assistance could help as many as 30,000 distressed homeowners. The CBO estimated that the program would cost \$840 million over 10 years. [CQ Today, 3/11/11]

The bill passed, 242-177. [HR 836, [Vote #174](#), 3/11/11]

Voted Against Even Protecting Veterans and Active Service Members

Before considering terminating the emergency relief program, Denham voted against a measure that would have protected veterans and active service members from foreclosures.

The measure required the Secretary of HUD in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to determine the amount necessary to provide assistance under the Emergency Housing Act of 1975 to homeowners who are veterans or members of the Armed Forces on active duty. It would also authorize Congress to appropriate this amount of assistance to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program.

The motion failed, 182-238. [HR 836, [Vote #173](#), 3/11/11]

Denham Voted Against Providing Foreclosure Aid Relief for Rural Homeowners

In March 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have required states give priority emphasis and consideration to rural areas when distributing Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds that were allocated by HUD and appropriated under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The motion failed, 153-272. [HR 861, [Vote #187](#), 2/16/11]

Voted to Cut Legal Services Funding for Poor

In 2011, Denham voted to strike all funding, or an additional \$324.4 million, for the Legal Services Corporation. The program provides funding for essential legal services to almost 60 million Americans living below 125 percent of the poverty level.

Republicans had earlier proposed an 18 percent cut for the program, or some \$75 million in the \$420 million annual budget of the LSC. Gene Nichol, professor of law at UNC-Chapel hill, noted that studies had shown how for decades millions of poor and near poor Americans had been “effectively priced out of the civil justice system.” [[Charlotte News & Observer](#), Nichol op-ed, 2/28/11]

The amendment failed, 171-259. [HR 1, Duncan amendment #110, Vote #54, [2/16/11](#)]

Denham Voted to Keep Vital Consumer Product Information from Consumers

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment that would bar funds related to launching the consumer product safety information database established under the Consumer Product Safety Act and signed into law by President George Bush.

According to the [Wichita Eagle](#), the amendment offered by Rep. Mike Pompeo, would delay the site to make changes that Pompeo and the business community would prefer. One of Pompeo’s changes would be to make it harder for consumer groups and lawyers to submit product complaints. [[Wichita Eagle](#), 3/07/11]

The amendment was adopted, 234-187. [HR 1, Pompeo amendment #545, [Vote #137](#), 2/19/11]

Denham Voted to Remove Protections on Food, Toys and Drinking Water

In February 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have required Congressional committees to place a high priority on tracking, reviewing and preserving the standards that ensure the safety of the food and drinking water supply, and the safety of children’s toys.

“This is and should be an essential function of our nation’s government,” said motion sponsor Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-Mo. [CQ Today, 2/11/11]

The motion failed, 178-242. [HR 72, [Vote #32](#), 2/11/11]

Voted Against Regulating Predatory Lenders

In 2009, Denham voted against AB 260, a bill which heightened regulations of subprime mortgage lenders. The bill prohibited lenders from making false statements to potential borrowers and would have

curbed abusive practices by mortgage brokers that steered borrowers to higher priced loans. [California State Assembly Bill 260; Vote 9/08/09]

Proposed a Bill to Weaken California's Vended Water Standards

In 2004, Denham proposed a bill which weakened California's standards on vended and bottled water with regards to trihalomethanes (THMs). The vended water THMs standards were 10 parts-per-billion and this bill weakened the standard to 80 parts-per-billion. In response Denham's press secretary said that the federal standards are safe enough. [Associate Press, 3/24/04]

Crime and Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Funding for AMBER Alerts in Public Broadcasting*
- ✓ *Called for the Closing of San Quentin Prison at a time when Thousands of Prisoners were Ordered Released by the Supreme Court because of Inhumane Conditions in the California Prison System due to Overcrowding*
- ✓ *Blocked the Appointment of Judges on Political Grounds*
- ✓ *Questioned the Building of a Safe and Effective Courthouse in Los Angeles*
- ✓ *Opposed Making it Easier for Law Enforcement to Identify Gun Casings*
- ✓ *Voted to Cut Funding for the National Drug Intelligence Center*

Denham also voted against ensuring that National Public Radio would continue to be able to receive federal funding to broadcast AMBER alerts. As a State Senator Denham moved to close San Quentin and move the prisoners to other California prisons at a time when thousands of prisoners were ordered released from those same prisons due to overcrowding. Denham held a session of the U.S. House of Representatives to keep President Obama from appointing federal judges. Denham questioned the building of a safe and effective courthouse in Los Angeles. Denham also opposed requiring guns to make microscopic marks on shell casings to help law enforcement identify what guns shot which bullets. Denham voted to cut funding for the National Drug Intelligence Center.

Voted Against Funding for AMBER Alerts in Public Broadcasting

In March 2011, Denham voted against a measure to ensure that National Public Radio would still be able to receive federal funding to broadcast or disseminate emergency AMBER Alerts regarding abducted children.

According to the DOJ's AMBER Alert website, there have been 532 successful recoveries with 120 total Amber Alert plans nationwide. In calendar year 2009, 207 AMBER Alerts were issued in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands involving 263 children. Of those 207 cases, 166 resulted in a recovery, 45 of which were successfully recovered as a direct result of those respective AMBER Alerts being issued. [Department of Justice, AMBER Alert statistics; 2009 AMBER Alert report]

Rep. Betty Sutton, who introduced the motion, said in her floor remarks that National Public Radio, which the Republicans sought to defund, was a disseminator of the alerts via an arrangement with the Department of Justice. [Rep. Sutton Floor Remarks, 3/17/11]

The motion failed, 184-235. [HR 1076, [Vote #191](#), 3/17/11]

Denham then voted to prohibit federal money from being used to fund or purchase content from National Public Radio. [HR 1076, [Vote #192](#), 3/17/11]

Called for the Closing of San Quentin State Prison, Increasing California's Prison Over-Crowding

In 2005, Denham introduced legislation that called for closing San Quentin State Prison by the end of 2010. Denham said part of the reason for getting rid of San Quentin is because "Our inmates don't need an ocean view." [[Marin Independent Journal](#), 4/23/05]

... Continued to Call for the Closing of San Quentin

In 2007, the Senate Public Safety Committee voted against Denham's bill, Senate Bill 228, which would have created a timetable to close and tear down San Quentin and sell the site for development. Opponents state that closing the prison would increase overcrowding in other prisons. [[The Californian](#), 1/16/08]

... Was Part of Bipartisan Fight to Stop the Building of a New Death Row at San Quentin

In 2008, Denham was part of a bipartisan effort to stop the building of a new death row at San Quentin State Prison. Denham was joined in this effort by Assemblyman Jared Huffman a Democrat from San Rafael. They referred to the new death row plans as a "Cadillac death row" and stated that stopping it would save \$1.6 billion through 2020. The plans were approved with spending to relieve overcrowding at the prison's death row in 2003, but the project costs had increased in the interim. [[Marin Independent Journal](#), 12/16/08]

... Four Bills to Increase California's Prison Over-Crowding

In 2009, Denham's bill was his third attempt to close San Quentin was held in the Senate Committee on Public Safety, and marked the fourth time in four years that a bill to close San Quentin had been held in the committee. The committee chairman "cited a standing policy to hold any bills whose passage would intensify California's prison crowding". At the time of the hold California's prison population was about 170,000 (having doubled over the previous 20 years) with about 15,000 living in gyms and dayrooms; San Quentin held 5,222 prisoners. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 4/01/09]

... Said Judges Were More Concerned with the Rights of Prisoners than the Rights of Victims

In 2009, Denham expressed his outrage at the ruling by federal judges which ordered California to release over 40,000 prisoners over the following two years. Denham said "This outrageous order

eviscerates government's primary duty to protect public safety. These judges are clearly more concerned with prisoners' rights than the rights of innocent victims and their families." [Denham Press Release, 9/09/09]

... Senate Committee Found Bill Would Aggravate Prison Overcrowding

In 2010, the Senate Committee on Public Safety held a hearing on Denham's legislation (SB 28) which closed San Quentin State Prison, moved the prisoners to a different location and sold the property on which San Quentin sat. According to the Committee "This bill does appear to aggravate the prison overcrowding crisis outlined above." The crisis the report references is overcrowding of California's prisons which was addressed by federal judges in 2009. According to the report, there were 5,222 prisoners held in San Quentin in Fiscal Year 2006/2007. [Senate Committee on Public Safety Hearing, [1/12/10](#)]

... Supreme Court Upheld Ruling to Reduce California's Prison Population

In 2011, the Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled that California had to "reduce its prison population by more than 30,000 inmates." The 5-4 decision upheld prior rulings by lower courts because, according to Justice Kennedy, "A prison that deprives prisoners of basic sustenance, including adequate medical care, is incompatible with the concept of human dignity and has no place in civilized society". [[New York Times](#), [5/24/11](#)]

Denham Presided over Partisan Ploy Over August Recess to Block Appointments on House Floor

In 2011, Denham presided over a phantom house session, which only he attended, executing a legislative strategy used by the opposition to prevent Presidential recess appointments. [The Record](#) described Republicans as "playing a rather foolish game this summer" and referred to the Republican strategy as "self-serving". [Editorial, [The Record](#), [8/25/11](#)]

Questioned Justification for Courthouse Complex in LA Despite Security Concerns

Denham held a hearing questioning the justification for a third courthouse in Los Angeles and the cost implications of the entire courthouse complex in Los Angeles. the Judicial Conference has declared the L.A. courthouse complex as in need of more space, primarily because of lack of capacity and security concern, but Denham questioned their projections. "This is a prime example of government waste. Ten years ago, \$400 million was appropriated for a building that still doesn't exist, to house federal judges that don't exist. This vacant lot in downtown LA could be sold and used for private sector growth to create jobs," said Denham said in the release.

Denham was working to eliminate the kind of wasted government space that the proposed LA courthouse project would create, the news release continued. He introduced H.R. 1734, the "Civilian Property Realignment Act" (CPRA), which would employ a BRAC-like process for civilian properties, reduce the federal footprint and save taxpayers billions of dollars. [[Merced Sun-Star](#), [11/3/11](#)]

... Joined by Democrat in Asking GSA not to Begin Construction of LA Courthouse

In 2012, it was reported that Denham and Democratic Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton sent a letter asking General Services Administration (GSA) not to begin construction on the LA courthouse. The GSA was moving ahead with plans to build a new \$322 million courthouse in Los Angeles despite objections from key lawmakers. GSA issued a request for qualifications Jan. 20 for a 600,000-square-foot courthouse to be finished no later than March 2016. “GSA knows this project is unnecessary, which is why they are making a mad dash to spend the money now,” Denham said. [[Federal Times](#), [1/23/12](#)]

Voted to Allow Violent or Sexual Criminals to be State Employees with Federal Funding

In 2011, Denham voted against keeping individuals convicted of violent crimes, sexual crimes or murder against children from being employed by state entities that receive federal grants.

The motion would have required that state entities receiving federal grants perform criminal background checks for school employees and refuse employment to people convicted of certain crimes such as violent or sexual crimes against children. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/13/11]

The motion failed 189-231. [HR 2218, [Vote #704](#), 9/13/11]

Voted Against Prioritizing Drug-Trafficking Crime Prevention

In 2011, Denham voted against directing the heads of each intelligence agency to prioritize countering transnational drug-trafficking and drug-related crime and violence. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/09/11]

The motion failed 145-257. [HR 1892, [Vote #697](#), 9/09/11]

Voted to Defund the National Drug Intelligence Center

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment which defunded the National Drug Intelligence Center.

The amendment defunded the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown, PA. The National Drug Intelligence Center is run and funded by the Department of Justice. [[The Tribune-Democrat](#), 3/26/11]

The amendment passed 246-172. [HR 1540, [Vote #355](#), 5/26/11]

Voted to Cut Drug Intelligence Money, Fire Hundreds

In 2011, Denham voted to zero-out funding for the National Drug Intelligence Center by striking \$34 million in funding.

The NDIC, which employed hundreds in Johnstown, PA, was established by the late Rep. John Murtha, but criticized for being a “pet project.”

Rep. Mark Critz countered that there was a “misperception” that the NDIC duplicated work by other agencies. He said there was a “basic misunderstanding regarding the types of drug intelligence.” The Center’s document and media exploitation service supported federal prosecutors in drug cases. [[Tribune-Democrat](#), 2/16/11]

The amendment passed, 262-169. [HR 1, Flake amendment #368, [Vote #51](#), 2/16/11]

Denounced Criminals Receiving Unemployment Insurance

In 2012, Denham denounced criminals and inmates who collected unemployment insurance checks.

The Los Angeles Times reported that an inmate had collected over \$30,000 in unemployment benefits while in prison and that some of the money had been used to finance gang activity. Denham said, “A convicted murderer receiving unemployment benefits while in prison is completely unacceptable and we would like to know how your Department plans to address the issue.” [The Merced Sun-Star, 3/15/12]

Denham Voted Against Public Transparency Bill

In 2007, Denham voted against a public transparency bill which dealt with cases of police officer misconduct.

According to the Fresno Bee, Denham voted against SB 1019, which passed the senate anyway. The bill would have overturned a California Supreme Court’s ruling to create a “tight curtain around the facts in cases where police officers are accused of misconduct.” [Fresno Bee, 6/09/07]

Voted against making it Easier for Law Enforcement to identify which guns fired bullets from casing

In 2007, Denham voted against a bill requiring gun manufacturers to install the micro-stamping devices. The micro-stamping devices would transfer a microscopic identifying mark to each cartridge case when the firearm is fired. [California State Assembly Bill 1471, Vote 9/06/07]

Voted for restoring \$600 million in COPS Funding

In 2011, Denham voted against restoring funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program at the Justice Department by \$298 million. The funds came from decreasing the same amount from cross-agency support at NASA.

Cuts under the Republicans’ original continuing resolution plan totaled some \$600 million.

Amendment sponsor Rep. Anthony Weiner acknowledged he was “taking from one place to give to another. But I do believe it’s in the interest of all of us to try to set these priorities straight.” [Politico, 2/16/11]

The amendment passed, 228-203. [HR 1, Weiner amendment #125 as modified, Vote #53, 2/16/11]

Voted For Funding Firefighter, First Responder Assistance

In 2011, Denham voted for increased funding for FEMA firefighter assistance grants by \$510 million. The amendment specified that \$390 million be available for firefighter assistance grants and \$420 million be available for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants.

The amendment passed, 318-113. [HR 1, Pascrell amendment #223, Vote #60, 2/16/11]

Honored by Crime Victims Assistance Network as 2009 Legislator of the Year

In 2009, Denham was honored as the Crime Victims Assistance Network's (iCAN) Legislator of the Year for 2009. [Denham Press Release, 5/28/09]

Honored By Crime Victims United of California as 2008 Legislator of the Year

In 2009, Denham was honored by the Crime Victims United of California (CVUC) as their Legislator of the Year for 2008. According to the CVUC Chair and President, Denham was "walking the walk authoring legislation for greater victim's rights and increased public safety." [Denham Press Release, 4/29/09]

Named California Narcotic Officers Association's "Legislator of the Year" for 2008

In 2008, Denham was named the California Narcotic Officers Association's "Legislator of the Year" for 2008. He received the award for being at the forefront of the fight against Proposition 5 in 2008. Proposition 5 was referred to in the release as the "drug dealers bill of rights". [Denham Press Release, 11/12/08]

Honored as "Legislator of the Year" by the California State Sheriff's Association

In 2008, Denham was honored by the California State Sheriff's Association as their Legislator of the Year for 2007. He received the award for his "support of public safety and good public policy". This was his third time winning the award. [Denham Press Release, 4/14/08]

... Was Named Legislator of the Year for 2008 by the California State Sheriff's Association

In 2009, Denham was honored by the California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA) as their Legislator of the Year for 2008. He received the award because of his "dedication and support for law enforcement and his commitment to public safety." [Denham Press Release, 1/08/09]

Authored Legislation to Fight Methamphetamine Production

In 2006, Denham co-authored legislation to fight the production of methamphetamine (meth). His legislation would make it a felony to purchase the ingredients for meth with intent to sell those products to meth producers, a process called "smurfing". [US State News, 3/20/06]

Authored Legislation to Keep Sex Offenders from Living Near Schools

In 2005, Denham's legislation, SB 723, was signed into law. SB 723 prevented sexually violent predators from living within a quarter mile of schools. The quarter mile rule was already in effect for sex offenders being released from prison but this law would expand that to include those who are released from mental health facilities as well. [The Californian, 10/05/05]

Introduced Jessica's Law in the California State Senate

In 2005, Denham introduced a bill, SB 722 which he called Jessica's Law, which would have required electronic monitoring of anyone who was convicted of lewd or lascivious molestation of a child under 12 for the rest of their life. The bill was not considered by the legislature, according to reports it was amended too late to be considered. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 5/04/04]

Authored Legislation to Test the Blood Alcohol Level of Surviving Drivers in Fatal Accidents

In 2005, Denham introduced a bill to require the testing of blood-alcohol content for drivers who survive fatal accidents. [[Modesto Bee](#), 4/12/05]

Supported Creating an "Alcatraz-like Island" for Violent Sexual Predators

In 2005, Denham repeated his push to create a state-sponsored halfway house for sexual predators after they have been released from prison as "a middle step before they can live independently". He used an example from Washington state which sent sex offenders to a remote island, the state was fined \$11 million for not doing enough to help the people sent to the island. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 3/28/05]

Wrote an Op-Ed on Ending Gang Violence

In 2004, Denham wrote an op-ed in which he lists his best ways to end gangs and gang violence in the Central Coast and Central Valley area. He suggests improving education including after-school programs, cleaning up graffiti, increase funding for law enforcement officers, and increasing penalties for gang-related activities. [[The Californian](#), 8/21/04]

Pushed to Build a "State-Sponsored Halfway House for Sex Offenders"

In 2004, Denham pushed for a "state-sponsored halfway house for sex offenders". Denham originally authored a bill, which died in committee, but was continuing to push for the halfway house to be built through other means. [[The Californian](#), 8/11/04]

Authored a Bill to Fight Agriculture Crime

In 2003, Denham authored a bill which was signed into law creating the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program which will allow communities to create a task force to combat rural crime. This would target crimes found primarily in agricultural areas such as theft of farm equipment, chemicals, corps, etc. [[The Californian](#), 6/27/03]

... Secured Funding for Rural Crime Prevention in San Benito and Monterey Counties

Denham was able to secure \$200,000 for the rural crime program in San Benito County in the fiscal year 2006-07 budget. Denham had secured \$300,000 for Monterey County's rural crime prevention program for the previous year's state budget. [[The Californian](#), 7/10/06]

.... Authored Legislation to Extend the Rural Crime Prevention Program

In 2009, Denham introduced legislation, SB 44, to extend the sunset of the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program until 2015 which is set to scheduled to expire July 1, 2010. Denham stated he was introducing the legislation to “ensure that rural crimes are not overlooked.” [Denham Press Release, 2/03/09; 3/31/09]

Economic and Financial Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Proposed Legislation that would Jeopardize the Tourism Industry in Central California*
- ✓ *Voted to Maintain Funding for the “Bridge to Nowhere”*
- ✓ *Voted to Allow the Department of Defense to Spend Millions on NASCAR Sponsorships*

Denham proposed legislation which would have raised the maximum water level at Lake McClure which could have a detrimental impact on local tourism. Denham also voted to maintain the funding for the infamous “Bridge to Nowhere” and allow the Department of Defense to spend millions on NASCAR sponsorships.

Proposed Legislation That Would Put Tourism Industry in Jeopardy

In 2011, Denham proposed legislation that the Merced Sun-Star reported if passed would have serious adverse implications for Mariposa’s economy. Denham introduced two bills (H.R. 869 and H.R. 2578) this year on behalf of Merced Irrigation District (MID), which, if approved, would raise the maximum legal water level in Lake McClure. MID’s Project Fact Sheet states there will be enough new power generated to service an additional 1,700 homes -- homes that have not been built and likely will not be for many years.

“The Congressman seems perfectly willing to sacrifice existing jobs and our beautiful river to enrich people who don’t even live here,” said Barton Brown, M.D., a 30-year resident of Mariposa County and a 22-year advocate of measures to manage and protect the Merced River for future generations. Data provided by the BLM and Robert Ferguson, president of Zephyr Whitewater Expeditions, show river rafting contributes about \$2.5 million a year to Mariposa’s economy. “Tourism is critical to Mariposa’s economic health and much of its tourism revenues is directly related to visits to Yosemite National Park,” said Lee Stetson, Mariposa County supervisor. [Merced Sun-Star, 9/17/11]

Voted to Maintain Funding for the “Bridge to Nowhere”

In March 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have prevented funding for the notorious Alaskan “Bridge to Nowhere.” The motion to recommit would have rescinded \$183 million in funding for planning, design and construction of the Gravina Island and Knik Arm bridges in Alaska.

The motion specifically rescinded all unobligated balances provided for the planning or construction of the both bridges. Rep. Jared Polis, who introduced the measure, noted that a CBO study estimated that the motion would reduce the deficit by \$160 million. [CQ Today, 3/02/11]

The motion failed, 181-246. [HR 662, [Vote #159](#), 3/02/11]

Voted to Allow Defense Department to Spend Millions on NASCAR Sponsorships

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment that would bar the Department of Defense to sponsor NASCAR race cars.

The Army spent approximately \$7 million on NASCAR endorsements, down from \$11.6 million in 2009, and another \$5 million on drag racing. The Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard had all dropped their sponsorships of NASCAR in 2006. [[National Journal](#), 2/15/11]

The amendment was rejected, 148-281. [HR 1, McCollum amendment #50, [Vote #90](#), 2/18/11]

Said Would Continue to Improve the Economy and Protect Businesses and Farms

In 2012, Denham announced his campaign to run for a second term in Congress saying that we would improve the economy and protect businesses and farms. “With the support of the people of the 10th district, I look forward to continuing my work to improve our economy, protect our farms and small businesses, increase water storage and delivery and reduce debt and wasteful spending.”

“The federal government’s tax and regulatory policies hamper economic growth and are especially harmful to small businesses and farmers, who provide most of the jobs in the Central Valley,” said Denham. “No nation in history has taxed or regulated itself to prosperity.” [[Merced Sun Star](#), [1/10/12](#)]

Voted to Increase Funding for Economic Development Assistance

In 2011, Denham voted to increase funding for economic development assistance programs in the Economic Development Administration of the Commerce Department by \$80 million. Equal funding would be taken from funds for the periodic census at the Census Bureau.

According to Michaud, from 2004 to 2008, the EDA-funded projects directly led to the creation of approximately 200,000 jobs nationwide. [Michaud press release, 2/16/11]

The amendment was adopted, 305-127. [HR 1, Michaud amendment #153, [Vote #50](#), 2/16/11]

Education Issues – K-12

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Cutting Oil and Gas Instead of Education to Balance the Budget*
- ✓ *Voted Against Providing Funding for DC Public and Charter School and Special Education Services*
- ✓ *Supported the Teacher Tax Credit in California*
- ✓ *Facilitated Emergency Funding for a Local School in California*
- ✓ *Supported After School Programs*

Denham voted against prioritizing funding for education and instead voted to prioritize subsidies for the Oil and Gas industries during budget votes. Denham voted against providing funding for DC Public and Charter schools, including special education services. In the California State Senate Denham authored legislation helping teachers including emergency loans for a local school district, improving education technology rewiring funds, maintaining the California Teacher Tax Credit, lowering speed limits around schools, and increased funding for after-school programs.

Voted Against Cutting Oil and Gas Subsidies Instead of Education to Balance the Budget

In 2011, Denham voted against prioritizing subsidies for major oil and gas companies and corporate jets as spending cuts before cutting education spending to help balance the budget.

The motion would have amended the underlying bill “to make sure it raised taxes on corporate jets and oil companies before cutting funding for education.” [[Buffalo News](#), 7/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/29/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [S. 627, [Vote #676](#), 7/29/11]

Voted Against Providing Funding for DC Public and Charter Schools, Special Education Services

In 2011, Denham voted against cutting the DC School Vouchers Program and directing the funding instead to DC Public Schools, DC Public Charter Schools and DC Special Education Services.

The motion would have struck the underlying bill which provided for the D.C. School Voucher Program and instead authorize \$30 million per fiscal year from fiscal year 2012-2016 for conditional funding for

DC Public Schools, DC Public Charter Schools and DC Special Education Services. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/30/11]

The motion failed, 185-238. [HR 471, [Vote #203](#), 3/30/11]

Sought an Emergency Loan to the King City Joint Unified High School District

In 2009, Denham sought an emergency loan of \$13 million to the King City Joint Unified High School District in Monterey County. The loan would be financed through \$5 million from the California general fund and \$8 million from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank). Governor Schwarzenegger signed the bill which authorized the loan. [Denham Press Release, 7/09/09; 7/22/09]

Introduced Legislation to Improve Education Technology Rewiring

In 2009, Denham introduced legislation which would allow schools to use deferred maintenance funds to technologically rewire schools. At the time the legislation was introduced deferred maintenance funds could be used to repair or maintain school facilities but technological rewiring was not covered. Denham said this was in an effort to modernize California's classrooms. [Denham Press Release, 4/01/09]

Opposed Repealing California's Teacher Tax Credit

In 2007, Denham opposed Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal eliminating the teacher's tax credit in an op-ed to [The Californian](#). He suggested that the tax credit allowed for teachers to spend more money out of pocket on things in their classrooms. [[The Californian](#), 3/15/07]

Cosponsored a bill for Afterschool Programs

In 2006, Denham coauthored legislation which would increase funding and streamline the process schools use to apply for funding for after-school programs. [[The Californian](#), 6/22/06]

Authored Legislation to Reduce the Speed Limit Near Schools to 15 mph

In 2006, Denham introduced legislation to reduce the speed limit near schools from 25 mph to 15 mph, this was in response to a crossing guard who was killed in Salinas. [[The Californian](#), 3/11/06]

Opposed the 2006 Los Angeles Unified School District Reform Bill

In 2006, Denham opposed AB 1381 which allowed the mayor of Los Angeles greater control over the Los Angeles Unified School District by giving him more power over budgeting and awarding contracts, would give the LA mayor direct control of the 30 lowest-performing schools, and allowed the mayor of LA and the surrounding communities to veto the school board's choice of superintendent. AB 1381 was ruled unconstitutional by the California courts after it was signed into law. [[Los Angeles Times](#), 8/30/06; 12/22/06; California State Assembly Bill [1381](#), Vote [2/28/06](#)]

Education Issues – Vouchers

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Opposed a school voucher initiative in 2000*
- ✓ *Violated Republican Spending Rules to Support School Vouchers*
- ✓ *Voted to Reauthorize DC School Voucher Program*

Denham opposed a school voucher initiative in 2000. In Congress, Denham voted to violate Republican spending rules and fund the DC School Voucher Program without matching revenue. Denham also voted to reauthorize the DC School Voucher Program.

Denham Opposed School Vouchers

In 2000, according to the San Jose Mercury News, Denham said that he opposed Proposition 38 which was a school-voucher initiative, but did support Proposition 39 which lowered the threshold for approving school bonds. [[San Jose Mercury News](#), 10/19/00]

Violated Republican Spending Rules to Support School Vouchers

In 2011, Denham voted to reauthorize and modify the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship program which grants school vouchers to low-income D.C. students without offsetting the cost of the program through spending cuts.

The legislation would authorize, from Fiscal Year 2012 through 2016, \$20 million annually to reinstitute a school voucher program in the District and would also authorize an additional \$40 million annually to assist District public and charter schools from fiscal 2012 to 2016. This funding was not offset by cutting spending elsewhere in the budget and would have violated the CutGo rule put in place by Republicans; they waved the rule for this bill. [CQ Today Online News, [3/30/11](#); [Associated Press](#), [3/31/11](#)]

The bill passed 225-195. [HR 471, [Vote #204](#), 3/30/11]

Voted to Reauthorize the District of Columbia School Voucher Program

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill containing a policy rider which reauthorized the District of Columbia School Voucher program.

The policy rider reauthorized the District of Columbia School Voucher program and provided \$16 million for the scholarships. This is possible because the federal government ultimately controls the DC budget. The underlying bill was the final continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. [CQ BillAnalysis, [7/14/11](#); CQ Floor Votes, [4/14/11](#)]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, [Vote #268](#), 4/14/11]

NOTE: This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.

Education Issues – Student Aid

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Cut 1.4 Million Students from Being Eligible for Pell Grants*
- ✓ *Voted Against Protecting Pell Grants from a \$39 Million Cut*
- ✓ *Authored Legislation to keep California College Tuitions Reasonable*

In Congress, Denham voted to cut 1.4 million students from being eligible for Pell Grants. Denham then voted against a \$39 million cut to Pell Grants. While in the state-Senate Denham authored legislation to keep California College Tuitions reasonable.

Voted to Make Cuts to the Pell Grant Program

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which, according to data from the Department of Education, would cut 1.4 million students from being eligible for Pell Grants.

According to the House Committee on Education and Labor:

[U]nder the Republican budget, the maximum Pell Grant award would be cut by more than \$2,500 for the 2012-2013 school year, bringing the maximum award to \$3,040, the lowest it's been since 1998. New data from the Department of Education shows that the Republican budget would result in almost 1.4 million students losing eligibility for Pell grants, and all students receiving significantly reduced awards. For students, this could make college far less affordable.” [House Committee on Education and Labor, [4/14/11](#) citing Estimates from the US Department of Education]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Voted Against Protecting Pell Grants from \$39 Million Cut

In February 2011, Denham voted against an amendment that would have increased funds for Federal Pell Grants by \$39 million, offset by a reduction in funds available for Department of Education Program Administration.

The amendment was not adopted 186-238. [HR 1, [Vote #146](#), 2/19/11]

Authored Legislation to Keep California College Tuition Reasonable

In 2010, Denham introduced a bill that required California's public universities to wait 180 days before implementing fee increases and limiting the increases to 10 percent of the current fee. This was in reaction to a 32 percent increase to fees at California's public universities which was passed in 2009. The bill amended the State Constitution to allow the legislature to dictate these changes to the University of California instead of just recommending them. [Modesto Bee, 1/30/10, San Francisco Chronicle, 4/15/10]

Energy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Denham Has Taken Over \$45,000 in Oil and Gas Industry Contributions Since 2010*
- ✓ *Said He Would Continue to Support Government Subsidies for Big Oil Companies*
- ✓ *Voted Against Funding Ethanol Pumps and Blenders*

Denham has taken over \$45,000 from the Oil and Gas Industry since he started running for Congress in 2010. Denham openly said that he would continue to support government subsidies for Big Oil Companies. Denham also voted against funding for ethanol pumps and blenders even though he said government should encourage clean energy.

Denham has taken over \$45,000 from the Oil and Gas Industry

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Denham has accepted \$45,400 from the oil and gas industry since 2010. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [4/04/12](#)]

Denham said he would continue to Support Government Subsidies for Big Oil Companies

Denham said that he would continue to support government subsidies for big oil companies because, according to the Sierra Star, he said, “I don’t believe raising taxes or fees (for oil companies) is going to lower cost at the pump.” Denham said this at District 5 Supervisor Tom Wheeler’s Town Hall meeting at the Oakhurst Community Center on May 19, 2011. [[Sierra Star](#), 5/26/11]

... Voted to Allow Gas Companies to Continue to Hide Executive Bonuses

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment which would force oil and gas companies to disclose how much they spend on executive bonuses when applying for oil and gas leases.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act, to disclose the amount of money their executives received in bonuses in the previous quarter. [[The Hill](#), [5/11/11](#)]

The amendment failed 186-240. [HR 1231, [Vote #314](#), 5/11/11]

Voted to Cut Funding to Produce Energy-Efficient Cars

In 2011, Denham voted for a short-term appropriations bill which cut \$1.5 billion from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

The continuing resolution would fund the federal government through November 18, 2011. The legislation would cut \$1.5 billion from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program while providing \$3.65 billion for disaster assistance.

"I was disappointed to see that the House shortchanged the Federal Emergency Management Agency," Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader, said on the Senate floor, "failing to provide the funding to adequately help Americans whose lives have been devastated by floods, hurricanes and tornadoes." [New York Times, [9/21/11](#)]

The motion to concur failed 195-230. [HR 2608, [Vote #719](#), 9/21/11]

Vehicle Manufacturing Program Was Bush-Era Program, Supported Thousands of Jobs

The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program was signed into law and first funded under President George W. Bush.

According to the Center for American Progress, cutting the program would "compound economic harm by hurting American manufacturing plants and eradicating tens of thousands of jobs as companies retool to build more efficient vehicles for the future."

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 included the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing program to help auto companies and their suppliers convert their domestic plants to produce more fuel-efficient vehicles and to create or maintain auto industry jobs. It provided direct loans to help them retool their facilities or build new ones to make parts or build vehicles that are at least 25 percent more efficient than cars in 2005. [Center for American Progress, [9/15/11](#)]

Voted Against Preventing Gas Price Hikes

In 2011, Denham voted against limiting the seizures of American farm and ranch land and to prevent gas price hikes.

The motion would have directed "the president to ensure federal agencies take 'any feasible step' to prevent an increase in gas prices and limit seizures of American farm and ranch land." [CQ Floor Votes, [7/26/11](#)]

The motion failed 181-248. [HR 1938, [Vote #649](#), 7/26/11]

Voted for Cuts to the Department of Energy Budget

In 2011, Denham voted to cut funding for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2012, including to high speed rail and renewable energy programs and to repeal regulations on light-bulbs.

The bill, which provides funding for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2012 cut \$1 billion from similar Fiscal Year 2011 funding. This funding goes to the Department of Energy and the Army Corps of Engineers programs. The bill moved \$1 billion from high speed rail funding to flood relief along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. It also cut \$491 million from the renewable energy programs from FY11 leaving it at \$1.3 billion for FY12. The bill blocks the administration from closing the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project and, because of an amendment, repeals the 2007 bipartisan regulation on light bulbs which would make them more energy efficient. [[Associated Press](#), 7/15/11]

The bill passed 219-196. [HR 2354, [Vote #600](#), 7/15/11]

Voted to Repeal Increased Efficiency Standards for Light Bulbs

In 2011, Denham voted to repeal bipartisan regulations that increased energy efficiency standards for light bulbs.

The bipartisan regulations passed in 2007 increased energy efficiency standards for light bulbs. The regulation requires bulbs to be 25-30 percent more efficient by 2014 and 60 percent more efficient by 2020. The bill would have also removed \$30 million in funding for education and research that was to go along with the new energy standards. [[New York Times](#), 7/13/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/11]

The bill failed (it was considered under suspension of the rules which requires a two-thirds majority to pass) 233-193. [HR 2417, [Vote #563](#), 7/12/11]

Voted to Increase Home Heating Assistance by \$50 Million

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment that would increase funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) by \$50 million. The amendment would reduce funding for substance abuse and mental health services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by \$98 million.

The amendment was rejected, 104-322. [HR 1, Bass amendment #565, [Vote #71](#), 2/17/11]

Voted Against Cutting Defense Department Research on Alternative Energies

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment that reduced funding for Defense Department procurement, research and innovation programs by \$115.5 million. The aim of reduced funding was for alternative energy research.

The amendment failed, 109-320. [HR 1, Pompeo amendment #86, [Vote #44](#), 2/15/11]

Sponsored Legislation Terminating Certain Hydropower Reservations

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation which terminated certain hydropower reservations. There were no cosponsors to this legislation as of November 29, 2011. [Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 976, accessed 11/29/11]

A similar bill, S. 524, was introduced in the Senate by Senator Feinstein. When the bill was introduced Senator Feinstein said that the bill was introduced in order to help a specific member of her constituency, Donald Smith and his family, who was having trouble with part of his land being labeled a hydropower reservation. She said:

Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to remove the encumbrances from land patents for a dam project that will never be built. This will enable the current owner of the land to sell or bequeath his land more easily. Donald Smith and his family acquired two parcels of undeveloped public land in Madera County, California by patent of the United States in 1983 and 1987. These parcels, comprising 103.26 acres and 41.323 acres, respectively, are adjacent to U.S. Forest Service land. In the early 1980s, the U.S. Government anticipated that a hydroelectric power project might someday be built in the vicinity, causing all or a portion of these lands to be inundated with water. Accordingly, when it issued the 1983 patent to Mr. Smith, the Bureau of Land Management included a "flowage easement", reserving the right of the government to flood the lands for a power dam. In the mid-1980s, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission determined that this reservation and others like it were "non-essential", and that no dam would be built. Accordingly, no easement was included in the 1987 patent, although some believe it was erroneously omitted. Flowage easements constitute a cloud on the title to land, restricting its market value and the orderly disposition of his estate. Since FERC, and all potentially interested parties, including BLM, Southern California Edison and the U.S. Forest Service, have agreed that the easement in this instance serves no purpose, and no dam will be built, clear title should be restored. The Solicitor of the Department of the Interior has decided this requires an Act of Congress. Mr. Smith is now a senior citizen, and seeks to assure that his heirs will not be burdened by this matter and will benefit from the full fair market value of these now-verdant and recreational lands. Through enactment of this simple bill, the Congress will finally affirm a decision made by FERC in 1986, and restore "clean" title for benefit of Mr. Smith, his heirs and assigns. [Senator Feinstein, Senate Congressional Record, S1507, [3/09/11](#)]

Denham Voted Against Funding for Building Ethanol Blender Pumps and Storage Facilities

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment which would have barred the use of funds in the underlying bill for the construction of an ethanol blender pump or an ethanol storage facility. [H. Amdt.475, [Vote 454](#), 6/16/11]

... Denham Voted Against Funding for Building Ethanol Blender Pumps and Storage Facilities, Again

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment which would have barred the use of funds for the construction of an ethanol blender pump or an ethanol storage facility. [H. Amdt.175, [Vote 125](#), 2/19/11]

Supported Government Encouraging Clean Energy Options

In 2004, Denham wrote an op-ed in which he cites a local farm that used waste to power part of its facilities. He also comments on how methane gas is a pollutant. Denham also states that “nuclear, coal or oil, all are refined and burned, producing greenhouse gasses”. [[The Californian](#), 11/08/04]

Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Prohibit the Implementation of Air Quality Standards*
- ✓ *Received an 8 Percent Lifetime Score from the League of Conservation Voters*
- ✓ *Opposed to Reintroducing the California Central Valley Spring Run Chinook Salmon to the Central Valley*
- ✓ *Voted Against Regulating Mercury, Coal Ash and Dangerous Pollutants*
- ✓ *Believes More Logging Will Reduce Wildfires*
- ✓ *Opposed Improving and Strengthening Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting*
- ✓ *Opposed Multiple Clean Air Standard Bills*
- ✓ *Opposed Requiring Punishment for Violations of Pesticide Application Law which Harm People's Health or the Environment*

Denham receives low marks from environmental organizations. Denham voted to prohibit the implementation of air quality standards and against mercury, coal ash, and dangerous pollutants regulations. He sponsored bills that put farmers' water needs before endangered species. Denham also wrote that more logging would help reduce wildfires. Denham opposed multiple clean air standard bills in the state senate.

Low Marks from Environmental Organizations

Denham has consistently earned low marks from environmental organizations for his commitment to protecting natural resources, conservation and other key environmental issues.

The following table illustrates Denham's scores from key environmental groups:

Year	Organization	Score
2010	California League of Conservation Voters - Lifetime Score	8%

2010	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions	0%
2010	Sierra Club California - Positions	0%
2009	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions	19%
2009	California League of Conservation Voters - Lifetime Score	10%
2009	Environment California - Positions	0%
2009	Sierra Club California - Positions	20%
2008	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions on Environmental Conservation	11
2008	Sierra Club California - Positions	0%
2007	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions on Environmental Conservation	10
2007	Sierra Club California - Positions on Environmental Conservation	0
2006	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions	13%
2006	Environment California - Positions on Environmental Conservation	35
2006	Sierra Club California - Positions on Environmental Conservation	11
2005-2006	California Park and Recreation Society - Positions	50
2005	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions	9%
2005	Sierra Club California - Positions	0%
2004	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions	0%
2004	Sierra Club California - Positions	0%
2003-2004	California Park and Recreation Society - Positions	33%
2003	California League of Conservation Voters - Positions	5%
2003	Sierra Club California - Positions	11%

[Project VoteSmart; accessed 12/10/11]

Voted to Prevent Air Pollution Regulation Implementation

In 2011, Denham voted to prevent air pollution regulations from going into effect.

The bill would exempt what is called “nuisance dust” from regulation under the Clean Air Act. The bill defined “nuisance dust” as particulate matter “generated primarily from natural sources, unpaved roads, agricultural activities, earth moving, or other activities typically conducted in rural areas.” [[Salt Lake Tribune](#), 12/10/11; CQ Floor Votes, 12/08/11]

Democrats warned that the bill could pose a threat to public health because it would cover dust from mining operations, smelters and other industrial sources. The Congressional Budget Office also estimated that it would cost the EPA \$10 million to rework its existing air pollution standards and to study whether changes would be necessary in its national monitoring network. [USA Today, 12/08/11]

The bill passed 268-150. [HR 1633, [Vote #912](#), 12/08/11]

Denham even voted against a motion to ensure that the Environmental Protection Agency would continue to be allowed to regulate particulate containing cadmium, lead or asbestos released from mining activities and from demolition and renovation. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/08/11]

The motion failed 166-252. [HR 1633, [Vote #911](#), 12/08/11]

... Backed Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act

In 2011, it was reported that Denham co-sponsored and voted in support of the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act.

Denham said in a news release: “The Administration’s excessive regulations have hindered business growth and job creation for too long. I co-sponsored this legislation because it will eliminate regulatory uncertainty and provide relief for Valley small businesses and farmers.” [Merced Sun-Star, 12/08/11]

Opposed Increasing Penalties for Air Pollution Violators

In 2005, Denham opposed SB 109 which increased penalties for major air quality violations. The bill would have allowed both civil and criminal penalties for a variety of air quality law violations. The American Lung Association, the California District Attorneys Association, and the Sierra Club all supported the bill. [California State Senate Bill [109](#), Vote [5/31/05](#)]

Opposed Cleaner Air Standards and Regulations

In 2003, Denham voted against SB 700, which ended an agriculture exemption from state air quality standards. According to the [Los Angeles Times](#), in 2003, California’s Central Valley suffered “from the second-worst air quality in the country.” [Los Angeles Times, 9/21/03; California State Senate Bill [700](#), [9/10/03](#)]

... Denham Opposed Requiring 50 Percent of Passenger Vehicles Sold in California to Run on Alternative Fuels by 2020

In 2007, Denham voted against requiring half of all passenger vehicles and light-trucks sold in California to run on alternative fuels by 2020. [California State Senate Bill [494](#), Vote [6/04/07](#)]

... Denham Opposed Maintaining Tough Air Pollution Fines

In 2006, Denham voted against allowing the state of California to maintain tough air pollution fines even if George W. Bush’s Administration repealed them at a federal level. [California State Senate Bill [1252](#), Vote [5/30/06](#)]

... Denham Opposed the “Children’s Breathing Rights Act” in 2006

In 2006, Denham opposed the “Children’s Breathing Rights Act” which increased the penalties for violating various air pollution rules and increased publicly available information on violators in an attempt to combat child asthma. [California State Senate Bill [1205](#), Vote [5/30/06](#)]

... Denham Opposed Increasing Penalties for Air Quality Violations

In 2005, Denham voted against increasing penalties for air quality violations. [California State Senate Bill [109](#), Vote [5/31/05](#)]

Opposed Reducing Smog in the Central Valley

In 2003, Denham opposed legislation which reduced smog in the Central Valley by ending the smog-control exemptions for farm machinery in the Central Valley. [California State Senate Bill [700](#), Vote [9/11/03](#)]

Opposed Phasing Out Burning of Agriculture Waste

In 2003, Denham opposed SB 705 which gradually phased out the burning of agricultural waste from weed abatement, pruning, and orchard and vineyard removals. The phase out would happen over 5 years from 2005-2010. The Attorney General, American Farmland Trust, California Farm Bureau Federation, and the Planning and Conservation League all supported the bill. [California State Senate Bill [705](#), Vote [9/11/03](#)]

Wrote a Letter to the Editor about the Need for a “Measured Approach to Air Pollution”

In 2003, Denham wrote a letter to the editor where he suggested that the air of the Central Valley needs to be improved but with an eye on not harming economic interests in the area.

Denham suggests that asthma and other respiratory issues are linked to the pollution in the air in the Central Valley. Denham explains that he had introduced a few bills to make voluntary steps more achievable for farmers in the Central Valley. He ends the letter with:

At the same time we are confronting some of the worst air quality in the nation, we must keep in mind that our community is trying to combat the worst unemployment rate in the state. There are several proposals to decrease air pollution, but we cannot be in such a rush to do something, anything that we wind up doing the wrong thing. [[Madera Tribune](#), 5/08/03]

Voted to Swap Federal Land with Foreign-Owned Copper Mine Company

In 2011, Denham voted to convey land in Arizona to the Resolution Copper Company for a “giant mine” in exchange for different land in Arizona.

The bill authorized a land swap for the land in Arizona in order for Resolution Copper Co. to develop the largest copper mine in North America by exchanging land in Arizona with the federal government. The bill would exchange “about 2,400 acres in the Oak Flat area of the Tonto National Forest in return for giving more than 5,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land throughout Arizona to the federal government”.

Opponents of the project said it would harm Apache tribal lands and threaten the region’s already scarce water supply. Other critics noted that Resolution Copper’s foreign-based parent company could bring in foreign workers to run the mine or use robotic technology operated outside of the United States. [[Arizona Republic](#), 10/26/11; CQ Floor Votes, 10/26/11]

The bill passed 235-186. [HR 1904, [Vote #809](#), 10/26/11]

Voted to block Environmental Protection Agency Rules on the Disposal of Coal Ash

In 2011, Denham voted to block the Environmental Protection Agency rules on the disposal of coal ash.

The bill blocked the EPA rules on the disposal of coal ash which would either regulate it as a federal hazardous-waste or require states to regulate it as a non-hazardous waste. The bill instead allowed states to regulate coal-ash as a municipal waste. [[Houston Chronicle](#), 10/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 10/14/11]

According to the [Houston Chronicle](#), “coal ash – the residue of coal combustion at electric utility plants – contains a range of toxic metals, including chromium, arsenic and lead. Environmental groups, which want the EPA to regulate coal ash as a hazardous waste, say those chemicals can get into groundwater when ash-disposal structures fail, putting people at risk. [[Houston Chronicle](#), 10/15/11]

The bill passed 267-144. [HR 2273, [Vote #800](#), 10/14/11]

Before final passage of the bill, Denham even voted against a motion which would require monitoring for imminent failures of coal-ash impoundment systems and the notification of state and local first responders and evacuation of the endangered people. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/14/11]

The motion failed 172-238. [HR 2273, [Vote #799](#), 10/14/11]

Voted to Nullify Rules Regulating Emissions for Commercial and Industrial Boilers

In 2011, Denham voted to nullify certain rules regulating emissions for commercial and industrial boilers.

The bill would nullify the current rules for commercial and industrial boilers and require the Environmental Protection Agency to write new rules and finalize them within 15 months of the bill becoming law. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 275-142. [HR 2250, [Vote #791](#), 10/13/11]

Denham even voted against a motion to implement the current proposed commercial and industrial boiler standards for any waste incinerator within five miles of a nursing home, assisted living facility, or hospital. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/13/11]

The motion failed 170-246. [HR 2250, [Vote #790](#), 10/13/11]

Voted to Nullify Rules Limiting Mercury Pollution from Cement Plants

In 2011, Denham voted to nullify rules limiting mercury pollution from cement plants.

The bill would nullify Environmental Protection Agency rules for cement plant emissions and require the development of new rules which would not go into effect until 2017. [[Washington Post](#), 10/09/11; CQ Floor Votes, 10/06/11]

According to the [Washington Post](#), the EPA projected up to \$19 in public-health benefits for every dollar of compliance cost to manufacturers. The rule would curb emissions of mercury, which spread to water and fish and can cause brain damage in infants and children. The rules also would curb emissions of

particulates that cause heart and lung diseases, as well as gases such as nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide that form smog. [[Washington Post](#), 10/9/11]

The bill passed 262-161. [HR 2681, [Vote #764](#), 10/06/11]

Before final consideration of the bill, Denham even voted against a motion to implement the current emissions standards for cement kilns within five miles of a school, day-care, playground or hospital with a maternity ward or neonatal unit. The motion failed 176-247. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/06/11; HR 2681, [Vote #763](#), 10/06/11]

Voted to Block Regulation of Dangerous Pollutants

In 2011, Denham voted to block regulations to reduce emissions of pollutants from coal-fired power plants by the Environment Protection Agency.

The bill would have required the establishment of a committee to analyze the impact of certain EPA regulations on the economy, delaying the rules, including those on mercury emissions. [[Chicago Tribune](#), 9/24/11; CQ Floor Votes, 9/23/11]

The bill passed 249-169. [HR 2401, [Vote #741](#), 9/23/11]

Before consideration of the final bill, Denham even voted against requiring the EPA to “plan and implement a strategy, using existing authority, to control air pollution that could affect the Great Lakes.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/23/11]

The motion failed 180-233. [HR 2401, [Vote #740](#), 9/23/11]

Voted Against Protecting New Species under the Endangered Species Act

In 2011, Denham voted against protecting new species and habitats under the Endangered Species Act.

The amendment struck language from the underlying bill which “barred the Fish and Wildlife Service from listing new species and habitats for protection under the Endangered Species Act.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/27/11]

The amendment passed 224-202. [HR 2584, [Vote #652](#), 7/27/11]

Voted Against Regulating Pollutants in Drinking-water Sources

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which continued the EPA’s authority to regulate pollutants in drinking-water sources.

The motion stated that the legislation would not affect the EPA’s authority when it comes to regulating pollutants, including arsenic or perchlorate, into public drinking-water sources.

The motion failed 188-238. [HR 2018, [Vote #572](#), 7/13/11]

Opposed Legislation Fighting Water Pollution

In 2003, Denham opposed legislation to improve and strengthen water quality monitoring and reporting requirements in the California State Senate. [California State Assembly Bill [897](#), Vote [9/09/03](#)]

... Denham opposed monitoring expanding a program to monitor groundwater contamination

In 2005, Denham opposed a bill which expanded Southern California's groundwater tracking program to cover the entire state in an effort to monitor groundwater contamination. [California State Senate Bill [820](#), Vote [9/08/05](#)]

... Denham opposed requiring compliance before allowing additional pumping from the San Joaquin Delta

In 2004, Denham opposed requiring state and federal agencies to comply with existing water quality standards before allowing additional pumping from the San Joaquin Delta. [California State Senate Bill [1155](#), Vote [8/23/04](#)]

Voted to Undermine the Clean Water Act

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which undermined the Clean Water Act by removing the EPA's ability to enforce it.

The bill banned the EPA from issuing new or revising water-quality standards if a state standard had already been approved by the agency without the state's consent. The EPA would also be banned from removing its approval of a state program or limiting federal funds to that program if it disagreed with the way the regulation was implemented, or if the EPA disagreed with the state's water quality standard.

This effectively removed the EPA's authority to supervise and regulate the states. [[New York Times Editorial](#), 7/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/13/11]

The bill passed 239-184. [HR 2018, [Vote #573](#), 7/13/11]

Voted to Bar the EPA from Regulating Greenhouse Gas

In 2011, Denham voted to prohibit the EPA from addressing climate change by regulating greenhouse gases, to change the definition of air pollutant in the Clean Air Act and to keep states from addressing climate change through the regulation of greenhouse gases.

The bill changed the definition of air pollutant to exclude greenhouse gas as it pertained to climate change (though greenhouse gases could be regulated for reasons other than climate change). It also repealed previous EPA regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases and barred the EPA from issuing any new regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases. Automobile emission standards were exempt from this bill. [CQ House Action Report, [4/04/11](#)]

According to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle: "This really is a shocking attack on states' rights and on public health," said Stanley Young, a spokesman for the California Air Resources Board, which is working on emissions standards for cars that would take effect in 2017. He estimated that the bill could roll back scheduled cuts in pollution and petroleum consumption by 25 percent nationwide. [[San Francisco Chronicle](#), [3/14/11](#)]

The bill passed 255-172. [HR 910, [Vote #249](#), 4/07/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which would have specified that the authority of the EPA administrator under the Clean Air Act wouldn't be abridged by the bill when it came to protecting the health of children and seniors from air pollution produced by large sources of carbon dioxide.

The motion failed 191-236. [HR 910, [Vote #248](#), 4/07/11]

Voted against Ensuring that Deregulation of Greenhouse Gases Wouldn't Threaten Our National Security

In 2011, Denham voted against allowing the EPA and the Secretary of Defense to certify if a lack of greenhouse gas regulation would threaten national security before repealing those regulations.

The amendment prevented the provisions of this legislation from going into effect until the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, certified that the consequences of not regulating greenhouse gas emissions. The certification would include the consequences of the subsequent impact on climate change, including the potential to create sustained natural and humanitarian disasters and the ability to likely foster political instability where societal demands exceed the capacity of governments to cope. It would also require certification that the repeal of those regulations did not jeopardize American security interests at home or abroad. [Congressional Record, p. H2380, [4/06/11](#)]

The overarching bill changed the definition of air pollutant to exclude greenhouse gas as it pertained to climate change (though greenhouse gases could be regulated for reasons other than climate change). It also repealed previous EPA regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases and barred the EPA from issuing any new regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases. Automobile emission standards were exempt from this bill. [CQ House Action Report, [4/04/11](#)]

The amendment failed, 165-260. [H.R. 910 H. Amdt. 485, [Vote #239](#), 4/06/11]

Sponsored an Amendment to Prohibit the Use of Funds to Restore the San Joaquin River and Reintroduce the Chinook Salmon to the Central Valley

In 2011, Denham sponsored an amendment which prohibited the use of funds in the underlying bill from being used to restore the San Joaquin River and reintroduce the California Central Valley Spring Run Chinook salmon to the Central Valley. [Thomas.loc.gov, H. Amdt. 666, accessed 12/8/11]

Sponsored Legislation to Change the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act as it Pertains to the Lower Merced River

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation which amended sections of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act which pertain to the Lower Merced River. The bill was cosponsored by fellow Central California Representatives Cardoza, Costa, McCarthy, and Nunes. [Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 2578, accessed 11/29/11]

Jeff Denham: More logging would reduce risks of fire

In 2011, Denham penned an op-ed discussing the Motor Fire, which burned near Yosemite and advocated for increased timber harvesting. “A critical step in the prevention of wildfires is for the federal government to begin to manage our forests in a safe, economical manner, which includes substantially increasing timber harvesting.” He accused the Forest Service of causing wildfires by inhibiting timber harvesting. He wrote, “Instead of letting our forests burn, we should be creating jobs locally by cutting trees and utilizing the debris for renewable biomass energy, while reducing the fire risk.” [Op-ed, Modesto Bee, 8/30/11]

Signed “No Climate Tax Pledge” from the Americans for Prosperity

In 2010, Denham signed the “No Climate Tax Pledge” from the Americans for Prosperity. The pledge means that Denham would “oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue”. [Denham for Congress, 2/12/10]

Denham Opposed Limiting Urban Sprawl

In 2008, Denham opposed legislation which required local planners to focus on limiting urban sprawl in an attempt to limit greenhouse gas emissions. The Sierra Club endorsed this bill. [California State Senate Bill 375, Vote 8/30/08]

Opposed Reducing California’s Green House Gas Emissions

In 2006, Denham opposed AB 32 which required California’s Air Resources Board to create a plan to reduce California’s greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent by 2020. Greenhouse gases are “identified in the bill as carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride.” The bill passed the State Senate. [Los Angeles Times, 9/1/06; California State Assembly Bill 32, 08/30/06]

Denham Opposed Requiring Punishment for Violations of Pesticide Application Law Which Harm People’s Health or the Environment

In 2005, Denham opposed requiring law enforcement actions for the violations of pesticide application laws which hurt health or the environment. [California State Senate Bill 455, Vote 9/08/05]

Environment – Other Drilling Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to allow Gas Companies to Continue to Hide Executive Bonuses*
- ✓ *Voted to Allow Drilling off the Coast of California*
- ✓ *Voted to Continue Giving Subsidies to the Oil and Gas Industry*
- ✓ *Supported the Keystone XL Pipeline*

Denham voted to allow gas companies to continue to hide the bonuses they provide their executives and voted to continue to provide subsidies to the oil and gas industry. He also voted to allow drilling off the coast of California, both in the state-Senate and in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also supported the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Denham said he would continue to Support Government Subsidies for Big Oil Companies

Denham said that he would continue to support government subsidies for big oil companies because, according to the Sierra Star, he said, “I don’t believe raising taxes or fees (for oil companies) is going to lower cost at the pump.” Denham said this at District 5 Supervisor Tom Wheeler’s Town Hall meeting at the Oakhurst Community Center on May 19, 2011. [[Sierra Star](#), 5/26/11]

... Voted to Allow Gas Companies to Continue to Hide Executive Bonuses

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment which would force oil and gas companies to disclose how much they spend on executive bonuses when applying for oil and gas leases.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act, to disclose the amount of money their executives received in bonuses in the previous quarter. [[The Hill](#), [5/11/11](#)]

The amendment failed 186-240. [HR 1231, [Vote #314](#), 5/11/11]

Voted to Continue Giving Subsidies to the Oil and Gas Industry

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which continued giving subsidies to the oil and gas industry.

On Fox News Sunday in 2011, when Paul Ryan was challenged by host Chris Wallace about whether his budget would include reductions in oil and gas subsidies like President Obama's fiscal commission proposed, Ryan responded that "we don't have a tax problem." [Fox News Sunday, 4/3/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Ryan had a Conflict of Interest with Oil and Gas Subsidies

In 2011, Newsweek's Daily Beast uncovered a conflict of interest involving Congressman Paul Ryan and the oil and gas industry subsidies he proposed in his budget. According to the Daily Beast:

The congressman stands to make money from his stakes in four businesses that lease land to energy companies which would benefit from \$45 billion in tax breaks and subsidies in his proposed budget. [...] The financial disclosure report Ryan filed with Congress last month and made public this week shows he and his wife, Janna, own stakes in four family companies that lease land in Texas and Oklahoma to the very energy companies that benefit from the tax subsidies in Ryan's budget plan. [...] Some of these firms would be eligible for portions of the \$45 billion in energy tax breaks and subsidies over 10 years protected in the Wisconsin lawmaker's proposed budget. 'Those [energy developing companies] benefit a lot from these subsidies,' explained Russ Harding, an energy policy analyst with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, when presented with the situation, without reference to Ryan. 'Without those, they're going to be less profitable.' [Newsweek's Daily Beast, [6/17/11](#)]

Voted to Require the President to Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline Permit

In 2011, Denham voted to require the President to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline within 60 days of the bill becoming a law.

The bill required President Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline within 60 days of the bill becoming law unless "it is determined that the pipeline is not in the national interest." [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The bill passed 234-193. [HR 3630, [Vote #923](#), 12/13/11]

Voted to Place an Artificial Deadline on Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Permit

In 2011, Denham voted to implement a deadline on the Obama Administration to make a ruling on the Keystone XL oil pipeline permit.

The bill forced the Obama Administration to make a ruling to approve or disapprove of the Keystone XL oil pipeline permit either by November 1, 2011, or within 30 days after the final environmental impact statement. Critics of the pipeline argued that the bill would block federal agencies and the public from fully weighing in on an environmental impact statement that was to be issued by the State Department.

Rep. Gerry Connolly called the pipeline's promise of more domestic petroleum products a "charade." [The Houston Chronicle, 7/27/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/11]

The bill passed 279-147. [HR 1938, [Vote #650](#), 7/26/11]

Disappointed with President's Decision to Deny Application for Keystone XL Pipeline

In 2012, Denham expressed disappointed with the President's decision to deny the application for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. Denham states, "It would have created 20,000 jobs immediately; spurred the creation of 118,000 spin-off jobs, and reduced our dependence on Middle Eastern oil." [[MyMotherLode.com](#), 1/19/12]

Voted to Limit Outer Continental Shelf Drilling Regulations

In 2011, Denham voted to limit the EPA's ability to regulate drilling on the outer continental shelf.

The bill limited the EPA to six months to deny air pollution permits for offshore rigs and platforms. The bill also "limits challenges to the EPA's appeals board and restricts which emissions can be evaluated." [[Washington Post](#), 6/23/11]

The bill passed 253-166. [HR 2021, [Vote #478](#), 6/22/11]

Voted Against Determining the Benefit of Lowering Environmental Standards for Off-shore Drilling

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which required the EPA administrator to determine if a Republican bill would actually result in lower gas prices at the pump.

The motion would have required the EPA administrator to study whether relaxing the off-shore oil and gas permitting process, as laid out in the Republicans' underlying bill, would actually reduce the cost of gas per gallon at gas stations. Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee suggested that this bill would lower gas prices. [House Energy and Commerce Press Release, [6/22/11](#); Congressional Record, [6/22/11](#)]

The motion failed 177-245. [HR 2021, [Vote #477](#), 6/22/11]

Voted Against a Motion to Recommit to Sell American Gas and Oil Here in America

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion to recommit which would have required that oil and gas developed from leases made in the underlying bill would have to be sold in the United States.

The motion required that all the oil and natural gas generated from the new leases be sold in the United States. The motion would have also required that the number of non-producing leases be cutting in half by 2017. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/12/11]

The motion failed 180-243. [HR 1231, [Vote #319](#), 5/12/11]

Voted to Allow Offshore Drilling on the East Coast and Off of Southern California

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which expanded the available land for offshore drilling to include areas in the Pacific near southern California and off the east coast in the Atlantic Ocean.

The legislation would have expanded the land available for offshore drill leasing to include parts off the shore of southern California and the eastern seaboard during the 2012-2017 five-year oil and gas leasing period. [[The Hill](#), [5/11/11](#); [The Hill](#), [3/29/11](#); [Bloomberg News](#), [5/11/11](#)]

The bill passed 243-173. [HR 1231, [Vote #320](#), 5/12/11]

Voted Against Requiring Companies to Have a Disaster Plan for Oil Spills

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment that required oil and gas companies to have contingency plans for worst-case scenarios, including plans for oil containment and cleanup, when applying for 5-year oil and gas off-shore permits.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the 5-year oil and gas leasing programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act, to submit plans for a worst-case scenario oil spill including oil containment and cleanup. Due to a lack of planning for oil containment and cleanup the Deepwater Horizon oil spill leaked about 185 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. [[The Hill](#), [5/11/11](#); [Congressional Record](#), [5/11/11](#); [New York Times](#), 10/17/11]

The amendment failed 195-223. [HR 1231, [Vote #315](#), 5/11/11]

Voted to Speed Up Oil and Gas Lease Approvals in the Gulf of Mexico

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which required the Department of the Interior to rule on exploratory drilling permits for lessees in the Gulf of Mexico in 60 days or less or the permit would be considered approved.

The legislation required the Department of the Interior to deem applications for oil and gas drilling permits approved 30 days, or as many as 60 days (after two possible 15 day extensions), after receiving the application. If the application is denied then the Department of the Interior must provide written reasons for the denial.

Democrats opposed the bill because they felt that it would hinder the ability of the Department of the Interior to approve the leases in a responsible way. [[The Hill](#), [05/05/11](#); [The Hill](#), [5/11/11](#); [USA Today](#), [5/12/11](#); [CQ BillAnalysis](#), [5/20/11](#); [FoxBusiness](#), [5/11/11](#)]

The bill passed 226-163. [HR 1229, [Vote #309](#), 5/11/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which stopped the sale of new leases to companies which still owed fines and penalties for economic and environmental damages in the Gulf of Mexico.

The motion failed 186-239. [HR 1229, [Vote #308](#), 5/11/11]

Voted to Force the Sale of Off-shore Oil Leases near Virginia and in the Gulf of Mexico

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which forced the sale of oil and natural gas leases in the waters off the coast of Virginia and in the Gulf of Mexico about a year after the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe.

The legislation required the Secretary of the Interior to hold sales for specific off-shore leases located in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Virginia. It also stated that the environmental requirements for these sales would be considered as having been met by the current Environmental Impact Statement. [[New York Times](#), [5/06/11](#); CQ Floor Votes, [5/05/11](#)]

The bill passed 266-149. [HR 1230, [Vote #298](#), 5/05/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which specified that all the oil and natural gas produced by the land from these leases would be sold only in the United States.

The motion failed 171-238. [HR 1230, [Vote #297](#), 5/05/11]

Denham Supports New Drilling Methods to Reach Ocean Oil from On-Shore

In 2010, Denham said during a debate that he supported new drilling methods with allow drilling companies to do near-shore drilling from the land rather than using an ocean-based drilling platform. According to Denham, “drilling [...] off the Santa Barbara coast was supported by a number of different environmental groups, because it is new technology that is much better than the oil wells that are off the coast right now. [ABC 30 Republican Primary Debate, [5/22/10](#)]

Ethical Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Accepted “Stealth” Campaign Contributions for Which the Kern County GOP Central Committee Had to Pay Fines for Violating Campaign Contribution Laws*
- ✓ *Publicly Refused Pay Raises Then Later Accepted Them*
- ✓ *FEC Dismissed Five Campaign Finance Charges Against Denham, Deadlocked on Three Others but Could Not Continue with the Case because of Partisan Deadlock*
- ✓ *Said “I Believe You Don’t Waste A Good Crisis”*
- ✓ *Ex-Staffer Was Charged with a Felony After Leaving his Office*

Denham accepted “stealth” campaign donations in 2002 funneled from the 21st Century Insurance Group through Kern County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC), for which the KCRCC later had to pay fines. Denham refused pay raises when he started as a state senator only to later accept the same pay raises. Denham eight charges pending before the FEC, five of which were dismissed, the FEC said the addition three could not continue due to partisan gridlock. Denham also said “I believe you don’t waste a good crisis” while discussing the economic crisis.

Received Thousands of Dollars in “Stealth” Donations

In 2002, Denham received thousands of dollars in “stealth”, but legal, donations. After the final deadline for financial disclosures the 21st Century Insurance Group donated “about \$950,000 to the California Republican Party and 15 county GOP committees, which then made substantial donations to Denham and five other Republicans in tight legislative races”. [The Monterey County Herald, 3/07/03]

“The state party donated about \$651,000 in services to Denham's campaign after Oct. 21. The Kern County Republican Party gave him nearly \$74,000 in services after that deadline. The Monterey County Republican Party chipped in about \$46,000 while San Joaquin County Republicans donated \$12,500. Denham's district stretches from the Salinas Valley to Modesto but does not take in Kern County.” [The Monterey County Herald, 3/07/03]

Alternative Headline: **'STEALTH' DONATIONS WENT TO WINNING GOP CANDIDATES PARTY FUNNELED FUNDS FROM COMPANY** [[San Jose Mercury News](#), 3/07/03]

... Funneled to Denham's Campaign By Kern Central Committee Members

The Kern County Republican Central Committee agreed to pay \$10,000 in fines for “accepting and using campaign donations in excess of a \$25,000 annual limit.” The fine was two \$5,000 fines for funneling money from the 21st Century Insurance Group to Jeff Denham and Guy Houston. Kevin McCarthy, who later became the U.S. House of Representatives Majority Whip, said that if they broke the law it was because it was a new law with which they were not familiar. [[The Bakersfield Californian](#), 6/02/04]

Publicly Refused Pay Increases While Privately Accepting Them

In 2008, the [Sacramento Bee](#) Capitol Alert reported that while Denham had, publicly, been refusing pay increases he had, privately, been accepting previous pay raises. In 2002, when he was elected, Denham accepted a voluntary 5 percent cut. In 2005, he refused an independent panel approved 12 percent increase. In 2006, he refused a 2 percent pay increase. In 2007, he refused a 2.75 percent pay increase. In December 2006, Denham wrote to the State Controller and accepted the 12 percent pay increase he had previously refused in 2005 and cancelled his 5 percent voluntary pay cut. In December 2007, Denham writes the state controller accepting the 2 percent pay increase he had refused in 2006. Denham was still made less than most of his colleagues when the article was written, making \$113,098 per year compared to the \$116,208 for an average state senator. [[Capitol Alert-Sacramento Bee](#), 1/25/08; [The Monterey County Herald](#), 1/26/08 Note: Headline “The pay raise that wasn’t, then was again”]

... Took a Voluntary Pay Cut When He Took Office

In 2003, Denham took a voluntary 5 percent pay cut, one of just two state senators to do so. It was a cut of about \$4,950 per year from his salary of \$99,000. [[Modesto Bee](#), 5/25/03]

... Refused a 12 percent pay raise for state senators in 2005

In 2005, Denham refused to accept a 12 percent pay raise which was agreed upon by an independent commission, it would have raised the average salary for state lawmakers from \$99,000 to \$110,800. [[The Californian](#), 12/07/05]

FEC Dismissed Investigation Against Denham; However Questions Remained

In 2011, the politically divided Federal Election Commission deadlocked over whether Denham violated campaign laws in 2010.

The six-member commission closed the potential Denham investigation. The FEC dismissed as unfounded five allegations concerning the Denham 2010 campaign and deadlocked on three other allegations. The FEC was reportedly “incapable of taking decisive action. Three Democratic appointees wanted to further pursue the Denham case, potentially using subpoenas and depositions. Three Republican appointees did not. The initial FEC inquiry found that ads featuring Denham by Remembering the Brave were “electioneering,” however they later found that the ad did not “promote or support

Denham or attack or oppose any of his opponents.”

The initial inquiry also found believe Remembering the Brave had violated the rules by failing to report the spending. Additionally the initial inquiry found reason to believe Denham's state campaign committee, by seemingly supplying the funds used for the ads, had improperly transferred funds for use in a federal election. [McClatchy Newspapers, [9/26/11](#)]

Denham Stated “I Believe You Don’t Waste A Good Crisis” in Reference to the Economic Crisis

In 2010, Denham stated in front of a crowd at a Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast at the Piccadilly Inn Airport Denham was discussing the economic crisis in America and said “I believe you don’t waste a good crisis”. [[Fresno Bee](#), 8/21/10]

Ex-Denham Staffer Charged with Felony

In 2010, one of Denham’s former staffers was charged with one count of felony unlawful access to a computer system. The charge involved four of Denham’s staffers, three who were at the time still employed by Denham.

According to the Merced Sun-Star, Kristine Hansen accessed the Yahoo email account of Mia Brudnicki, at the time a district representative for State Senator Denham. Hansen then emailed Emily Towner, an office assistant for Denham an email from Brudnicki’s account. The email and its contents led to Denham’s executive assistant Dana Ferreira being reprimanded. The contents of the email were not released to the press. Hansen pled guilty to accessing another person’s e-mail without permission, which is an infraction and the felony charge was dropped. Hansen had to pay a \$1,000 fine and do 100 hours of community service.

This was not Hansen’s first trouble with the law. In October 2008, while she still worked for, then state senator, Denham she was arrested for stealing two bottles of tequila. She was required to attend a 12-hour diversion course and pay \$300.

As of September 30th, 2011, Dana Ferreira was the only one of the four employed by Representative Denham’s Congressional Office, she was listed as his district scheduler. [[Merced Sun-Star](#), 8/21/10; 9/11/10; 9/12/10; Legistorm.com, accessed 12/06/11]

Took Trips While the State Senate was in Session

According to the [Contra Costa Times](#), in 2008, Denham went on trips to Las Vegas, NV and Sedona, AZ in 2007. The trips were used in an ad against Denham during the 2008 recall which stated that the trips took place while the State Senate was in session. While in Sedona Denham spent \$295 at the Enchantment Resort & Mii Amo. According to a Denham spokesman cited in the article:

Spillane said Denham was visiting Republican presidential candidate John McCain on his Arizona trip and holding fundraising meetings with potential donors in Las Vegas, where he charged one of his campaign committees \$500 for a stay at the MGM Grand Hotel and \$281 for a stay at Rio Suites. [[Contra Costa Times](#), 4/7/08; [Merced Sun-Star](#), 4/5/08]

Did Not Have an Opinion on Developer Gerry Kamilos' Proposed West Park Project

In 2012, Denham said he did not have an opinion on developer Gerry Kamilos' proposed West Park project. The Patterson Irrigator, reported, "He said he did not have an opinion on developer Gerry Kamilos' proposed West Park project, which would turn Crows Landing's former naval airfield and the surrounding area into an inland hub for the Port of Oakland. He said he would need to take a closer look at the project's plans after they were revised last year." [Patterson Irrigator, [1/11/12](#)]

Denham and Developer Gerry Kamilos Hosted Fundraiser for McCain

In 2007, State Sen. Jeff Denham, and developer Gerry Kamilos hosted the \$500-a-plate breakfast in Modesto for McCain. [Modesto Bee, 6/12/07]

Traveled to Israel \$20,000 Courtesy of the American Israel Education Foundation

In August 2011, Denham traveled to Israel courtesy of the American Israel Education Foundation. His weeklong trip cost the foundation \$20,227, records show. The foundation, allied with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is one of the most aggressive sponsors of foreign travel. "We must continue our strong friendship with Israel, our strongest democratic ally in the Middle East, and we must take seriously any threats from rogue states in the region as they threaten the future of democracy in the war torn region," Denham states in the Foreign Affairs section of his congressional website. [Fresno Bee, [12/24/11](#)]

Accused of Refusing to Allow Democrats to Speak on Payroll Tax Cut

In 2012, Democratic Leader Pelosi charged that Republican Speaker Pro Tempore Jeff Denham, under orders from Speaker Boehner, refused to allow Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn to speak on the floor and call for the payroll tax cut conference committee to get to work. [Democratic Leader Pelosi, press release, 1/6/12]

Paid Chief of Staff \$42,000 Over Three Months – Chief of Staff was Previously a Lobbyist

In 2011, Denham paid his lobbyist turned chief of staff Jason Larrabee \$42,000 from July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011. Jason Larrabee previously lobbied on behalf of Clean Energy Systems Inc., Pacific Renewable Fuels Placer County, CA and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority. [2011 3rd Quarter Statements of Disbursement, accessed [11/29/11](#); Open Secrets, accessed [11/29/11](#)]

Paid Over \$6,000 to Stay and Dine at Upscale Lodge on Taxpayer Dime

Listed on Denham's disbursement form was two charges from the Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite for \$3,436.48 lodging and \$3,286.44 for meals. The upscale hotel has "Spacious guest rooms and luxurious suites with custom in-room amenities create an environment perfect for relaxing" and a restaurant featuring a \$39 Filet Oscar described as a 6 oz. Filet Topped with Artichoke Bottom Dungeness Crab Yukon Mashed, Béarnaise. [Tenaya Lodge, accessed [11/29/11](#); 2011 3rd Quarter Statements of Disbursement, accessed [11/29/11](#)]

Editorial Criticized Denham for Failing to Co-Sponsor Legislation to Keep Legislators from Profiting Off Information they Learn on Capitol Hill

In December 2011, the Merced Sun-Star pointed out that Denham was not a co-sponsor of legislation of a bill to stops members of Congress from profiting off information they learn in briefings and other doings on Capitol Hill. [Editorial, Merced Sun-Star, [12/5/11](#)]

Note: He later signed on to the act

Didn't Let Ethics Get in Way of Getting Elected; Brazenly Violated Election Laws

In 2011, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington reported that Denham didn't let ethics get in the way of getting elected.

“In 2010, the freshman congressman from California’s Central Valley brazenly violated election laws by transferring corporate funds from his state campaign to a nonprofit for the benefit of his campaign for Congress.” [Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, [2011 Report](#)]

Denham Accused of Lying Politics in Mailers and about Endorsements

In 2000, fellow Republican, Laura Perry, accused Denham of sending out false mailers and claiming endorsements he had not received.

Perry accused Denham of sending out false mailers, which among other things, stated that she opposed banning gay marriage, which Perry said she supports banning. Denham was also accused of claiming to have endorsements he had not actually received. [[San Jose Mercury News](#), 3/08/00]

Filed a Lawsuit to Keep Affordable Housing from Being Built Near His Home

In 1998, Denham and his wife and some of their neighbors filed a law suit against the developers of their subdivision for plans to build affordable housing near their subdivision. According to the [Modesto Bee](#): “The lawsuit predicted lower property values and "vandalism, thefts and other damage to (the plaintiffs') real and personal property as a consequence of the juvenile delinquents who reside, and will reside in the future, in the low-income housing.”” [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02]

FEMA and Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee Dealing with Emergency Management*
- ✓ *Sponsored Legislation to Update the National Public Alert and Warning System*
- ✓ *Voted Against Reforming the National Flood Insurance Program*

Denham is the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee that deals with emergency management. Denham sponsored legislation to update the national public alert and warning system. Denham also authored the FEMA reauthorization legislation in 2011. Denham voted against reforming the National Flood Insurance Program.

Denham was named the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings & Emergency Management

Denham was named the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings & Emergency Management. This subcommittee “authorizes the nation’s emergency preparedness policy and programs and conducts oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). [Representative Jeff Denham Press Release, 1/20/11]

Sponsored Legislation to Update the Public Alert and Warning System

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation which updated America’s integrated public alert and warning system. [Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 2904, accessed 11/29/11]

Voted Against Reforming the National Flood Insurance Program

In 2011, Denham voted against extending and making bipartisan reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The bill would extend the National Flood Insurance program for five years and make bipartisan reforms to help extend the life of the program, in which some 20,000 communities nationwide participated. Some of these reforms included increasing the allowed premium percentage increase, increasing the minimum deductible for properties, and allowing communities that are required to buy flood insurance to seek a suspension while they worked to improve their flood protection systems. [[Associated Press](#), 7/12/11]

The bill passed 406-22. [HR 1309, [Vote #562](#), 7/12/11]

However, Denham voted against a motion to authorize FEMA to provide flood victims in major emergency or disaster zones, as declared by the president in 2011, grants to help with their rebuilding costs. The motion would have also allowed those people to be exempted from flood insurance premium increases for three years.

The motion failed 181-244. [HR 1309, [Vote #561](#), 7/12/11]

Voted Against Eliminating the National Flood Insurance Program

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment to eliminate the National Flood Insurance Program.

The amendment to eliminate the National Flood Insurance Program would not impact current coverage but would prevent the NFIP from issuing new policies or renewing old ones. The amendment would allow states to form interstate compacts to provide flood insurance. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/11; [Associated Press](#), 7/12/11]

The amendment failed 38-384. [HR 1309, [Vote #560](#), 7/12/11]

Argued That Cost Cutting and Improving the Emergency Response System Went Hand in Hand

In 2011, Denham argued that cost cutting and improving the emergency response system went hand in hand.

California's top emergency manager warned federal lawmakers Thursday that federal penny-pinching puts California at risk. "Reducing costs goes hand-in-hand with improving our emergency response system," said panel chairman Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Atwater. "The reality is that we can both cut costs and improve emergency responsiveness." Denham introduced FEMA reauthorization bill with a senior Democrat that was bare bones. [Miami Herald, [10/13/11](#)]

Voted for \$8.1 Billion in Emergency Disaster Relief Funding for Fiscal Year 2012

In 2011, Denham voted to provide \$8.1 billion in emergency disaster relief funding for fiscal year 2012.

The bill provided \$8.1 billion in emergency funding for FY2012 disaster relief, of which \$6.4 billion would go to the Federal Emergency management Agency Disaster Relief Fund and \$1.7 billion to the Army Civil Corps of Engineers. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/16/11]

The bill passed 351-67. [HR 3672, [Vote #943](#), 12/16/11]

Sponsored the Federal Emergency Management Agency Reauthorization Act

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation which reauthorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). [Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 2903, accessed 11/29/11]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Restricting Companies with Ties to Iran from Participating in “Crowdfunding”*
- ✓ *Voted against Blocking Business from Partnering with Iran-Linked Mining Company*
- ✓ *Voted Against Supporting US Efforts in Libya*
- ✓ *Traveled to Israel in August 2011*
- ✓ *Denham Claims Israel is America’s Strongest Ally in the Middle East*
- ✓ *Supports Recognizing the Armenian Genocide*
- ✓ *Traveled to Afghanistan to Visit the Troops*

Denham voted against restricting companies with ties to Iran from participating in “crowdfunding” and against blocking a business from partnering with an Iran-linked mining company. Denham voted against support U.S. efforts in Libya. Denham has traveled to Israel since his election to Congress. Denham feels that Israel is America’s strongest ally in the Middle East. Denham also supports recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

Voted Against Restricting Companies with Ties to Iran from Participating in “Crowdfunding”

In 2011, Denham voted against restricting companies with ties to Iran from participating in “crowdfunding.”

The motion would have banned crowdfunding securities sales from being affiliated, in any way, with corporations doing business with Iran. Crowdfunding is funding from a crowd of people — that is, many people provide small amounts of money for financing. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/03/11; [Forbes](#), 1/13/12]

The motion failed 187-237. [HR 2930, [Vote #824](#), 11/03/11]

Voted Against Blocking Business from Partnering with Iran-Linked Mining Company

In 2011, Denham voted against blocking an American company from partnering with a British mining company with ties to Iran for the largest copper mine in North America.

The motion would have kept Resolution Copper from partnering with entities that have shared interest with the Iran Foreign Investment Company.

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, “Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday mounted a vigorous offense against the bill, saying that Resolution Copper was owned by London-based Rio Tinto, and that that company is partnered with the Iran Foreign Investment Company in mining uranium in Namibia.” [[Jewish Telegraphic Agency](#), [10/26/11](#)]

The motion failed. [HR 1904, [Vote #808](#), 10/26/11]

Voted for New Sanctions For Banks Doing Business with Iran Central Bank

In 2011, Denham voted for implementing new sanctions against financial institutions that do business with Iran’s central bank, contained in the fiscal year 2012 defense authorization bill.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, [Vote #932](#), 12/14/11]

Voted to Limit Spending Funds on the NATO Mission in Libya

In 2011, Denham voted to limit spending funds on the NATO mission in Libya to help remove Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

The bill limited the spending of defense funds appropriated only to “non-hostile American support of the NATO-led mission.” [[Politico](#), [6/24/11](#)]

The resolution “would require a withdrawal from engagements there - excepting ‘forces engaged in non-hostile actions such as search and rescue, aerial re-fueling, operational planning, intelligence/surveillance/reconnaissance, and non-combat missions,’ according to Boehner.” [[CBS News](#), [6/22/11](#)]

The bill failed 180-238. [HR 2278, [Vote #494](#), 6/24/11]

Voted Against Supporting US Efforts in Libya

In 2011, Denham voted against authorizing the limited use of force in support of NATO.

The one-year authorization of limited use of force in support of NATO’s mission in Libya would have also required the president to consult with and brief Congress on a regular basis. [[The Hill](#), [6/23/11](#); [Politico](#), [6/24/11](#); [CBS News](#), [6/22/11](#)]

The bill failed 123-295. [H J Res 68, [Vote #493](#), 6/23/11]

Voted Against the Removing US Forces from Libya

In 2011, Denham voted against a resolution which would direct the President to remove all US Forces from Libya within 15 days of the passage of the resolution.

According to The Hill, “[Rep. Dennis] Kucinich said he thought he won over Republicans by focusing more on the need for Congress to assert its Constitutional prerogative to declare war than on the wisdom of the mission itself.” [The Hill, [6/04/11](#)]

The resolution failed 148-265. [H Con Res 51, [Vote #412](#), 6/03/11]

Voted to Reprimand the President on the Use of Force in Libya

In 2011, Denham voted to reprimand the President for the use of force in Libya without congressional approval.

The bill, according to the Washington Post, rebuked President Obama for failing “to provide Congress with a compelling rationale” for the military campaign in Libya but stopped short of demanding he withdraw U.S. forces from the fight. [Washington Post, 6/04/11]

The bill passed 268-145-1. [H Res 292, [Vote #411](#), 6/03/11]

Denham Supported Stringent Sanctions against Iran

In 2011, Denham’s Congressional website on Foreign Affairs states that he supports “stringent sanctions against Iran as they continue to develop their nuclear weapons program”. [Representative Jeff Denham Congressional Website, accessed 12/09/11]

Opposed a Ballot Measure Referendum on the War in Iraq

In 2007, Denham opposed putting an advisory question on a ballot for the people of California to vote on whether the President of the United States should end the United States Occupation of Iraq. [California State Senate Bill [924](#), Vote [8/30/07](#)]

Denham’s Website Says he Supports Israel as our Strongest Ally in the Middle East

According to Denham’s congressional website:

[W]e must continue our strong friendship with Israel, our strongest democratic ally in the Middle East and we must take seriously any threats from rogue states in the region as they threaten the future of democracy in the war torn region. [Representative Jeff Denham Congressional Website, accessed 12/09/11]

Denham took a trip to Israel in August 2011

In 2011, Denham took a privately funded trip to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv with the American Israel Education Foundations.

Dates	Location / Purpose	Sponsor	Travel	Lodging	Meal	Other	Total
08/13/11-	Jerusalem and Tel	American	12,680.12	2,760.00	1,963.54	2,703.80	44,947.46

08/21/11	Aviv, Israel	Israel Education Foundations					
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[Legistorm, accessed [12/06/11](#); Clerk of the House, 8/21/11; 1/29/11]

Denham Visited Afghanistan

In 2011, Denham traveled to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. [Modesto Bee, 10/14/11]

Gay and Lesbian Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Supported the Defense of Marriage Act*
- ✓ *Voted to Delay the Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell*
- ✓ *Opposed Allowing Domestic Partners to Change their Names on the Domestic Partnership Registration Form*
- ✓ *Opposed Allowing Domestic Partners to File Joint Tax Returns*
- ✓ *Opposed Requiring State Health Insurance Providers to Cover Registered Domestic Partners*
- ✓ *Opposed Providing Domestic Partners Survivor Benefits*
- ✓ *Opposed a Paving Stone at the State Capitol Honoring Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Veterans Killed in Action*
- ✓ *Opposed Recognizing Out-of-State Same-Sex Marriages*

Denham supported the Defense of Marriage Act and voted to delay the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Denham has opposed providing domestic partners the same rights as married couples on a number of different occasions.

Voted in Support of the Defense of Marriage Act

In 2011, Denham voted to support the Defense of Marriage Act.

The amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill banned the use of any funds to be used in violation of the Defense of Marriage Act. This vote was largely symbolic and was intended to show support for the Defense of Marriage Act according to the author of the amendment. [[Los Angeles Times](#), 7/09/11; [The Hill](#), 7/07/11]

The amendment passed 248-175. [HR 2219, [Vote #516](#), 7/07/11]

Voted to Delay the Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell

In 2011, Denham voted to delay the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

The FY2012 Defense Authorization bill contained a number of policy riders including one which changed the process for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell which bans homosexuals from serving openly in the military. Under the rider, which was included in the bill, the repeal would be delayed until the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine chiefs could certify that the repeal wouldn't harm their units' "readiness, effectiveness, cohesion, and morale." [[Wall Street Journal](#) Blog-Washington Wire, [5/12/11](#); CQ BillAnalysis HR 1540, 7/04/11]

The bill passed 322-96. [HR 1540, [Vote #375](#), 5/26/11]

Voted against Recognizing Out-of-State Same-Sex Marriages

In 2009, Denham voted against legislation recognizing out-of-state same-sex marriages in the states of California. [California State Senate Bill [54](#), Vote [9/09/09](#)]

Voted against Allowing Name Changes for Registered Domestic Partnerships

In 2007, Denham voted against legislation which allowed registered domestic partners to change their names through a certificate of registered domestic partnership. [California State Assembly Bill [102](#), Vote [9/06/07](#)]

Voted against Allowing Domestic Partners to File Joint Tax Returns

In 2006, Denham voted against legislation that allowed registered domestic partners to file joint state income tax returns. [California State Senate Bill [1827](#), Vote [8/29/06](#)]

Voted against Requiring State Health Insurance Providers to Cover Registered Domestic Partners

In 2004, Denham voted against legislation requiring the state's health insurance providers to provide coverage to registered domestic partners equivalent to the coverage offered for spouses. [California State Assembly Bill [2208](#), Vote [8/19/04](#)]

Opposed a Paving Stone Honoring Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Veterans Killed in Action

In 2003, Denham joined with 31 other Republican state legislators to demand the removal of a paving stone from the Capitol Park which reads "In Honor of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Veterans Killed in Action."

According to the Sacramento Bee, Denham said "the marker was politically motivated and is offensive to him." The marker was paid for by private donors. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 9/22/03]

Voted against Providing Domestic Partners Survivor Benefits

In 2003, Denham voted against extended legal rights and duties to domestic partnerships that were substantively equal to marriage. [California State Assembly Bill [205](#), Vote [8/28/03](#)]

Government Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management*
- ✓ *Proposed a BRAC-Based Committee to Sell off Underused Government Buildings*
- ✓ *Held Hearings on Wasteful Government Spending, Highlighting a Contract with the Securities Exchange Commission*

Denham was named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. Denham proposed, both at the state and federal level, the selling off of underused government buildings as a way to grow revenues. Denham held a hearing on wasteful government spending which highlighted a \$500 million lease signed by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC).

Denham Named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

In 2010, Denham was named Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Press Release, 1/20/11]

Denham Proposed BRAC-Based Committee to Sell off Underused Buildings

In 2011, Denham stated that the proposal by President Barack Obama's Administration appeared to line up with his 5 principles for a BRAC-like Committee to sell off underused government owned buildings. Denham proposed legislation on his BRAC-like Committee called the Civilian Property Realignment Act (HR 1734, 2011). Denham proposed similar ideas when he was in the California State Senate. [Denham Congressional Press Release, 5/04/11; 5/05/11; [Sacramento Bee](#), 3/22/04; [The Californian](#), 3/11/04; Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 1734, accessed 11/29/11]

... Bill on Federal Property Would Save \$565 million But Cost Almost \$200 Million to Implement

In 2011, the Washington Business Journal pointed out that Denham's bill Civilian Property Realignment Act would cost almost \$200 million to implement, despite saving \$565 million between 2012 and 2016. When asked about the cost estimate Denham's office said the cost to implement the act was overinflated. Denham's statement on the issue read "Denham: "CBO estimated that my bill, the Civilian Property Realignment Act, will save taxpayer money. The private sector and the President agree, we will see even more savings over the long term. I look forward to improving property management and allowing real savings for the taxpayer." [Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate, 12/8/11; Washington Business Journal, 12/9/11]

Held Hearings on Waste in the Securities Exchange Commission Including a "Wasteful \$500 Million Lease"

In 2011, as Chair of the Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee Denham held a hearing to look into a \$500 million lease which was signed by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC).

Denham asserted that it was a wasteful lease and that the signing of the lease was an example of spectacular mismanagement. The Investigator General of the SEC said the SEC overestimated how much more space they would need when they signed the \$500 million lease. [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Press Release, 6/16/11]

Claimed He Focused His Career on Managing State and Federal Assets More Efficiently

In 2012, Denham claimed that he had focused his career on managing state and federal assets more efficiently.

Denham touted that, as a state senator, he focused on selling off golf courses, public events venues and other state assets. He said as a congressman he shifted his attention to federal projects, such as closed military bases and shuttered post offices. "We have no idea of what we own and no accountability for what we have," Denham said. [Patterson Irrigator, [1/11/12](#)]

Touted Bill to Identify Land Owned By Government That Were Underutilized

In 2012, Denham said his goal in Congress was to create accountability and efficiency in government when he formally announced his campaign to run for a second term in Congress.

Denham touted a bill to identify land and resources owned by the government that were underutilized. "At the end of the day, I want to solve something," Denham said. [Tracy Press, [1/10/12](#)]

Proposed Bill to Shrink Government By Selling Government Property

In 2011, it was reported that Denham proposed a bill, the Civilian Property Realignment Act that would ensure the sale or consolidation of unoccupied or underused buildings owned by the government passed out of committee.

Denham said the CPRA could serve to save taxpayers money, "I believe the potential to save billions of dollars is real, and H.R. 1734 creates a process that can help us realize those savings. There are vacant or

underused buildings across the country that will result in taxpayer savings and efficiencies immediately.”
[[Merced Sun-Star](#), [10/14/11](#)]

Wrote an Op-Ed About the Need to Sell Off Underused Government Buildings

In 2011, Denham wrote an Op-Ed that was published in the [Washington Post](#) on why the government needs to sell off underused government buildings.

In the op-ed Denham explained how the proposal from President Obama differs from his proposal and why there needs to be “private-sector expertise” used in the selling off process. [Denham Congressional Press Release, 6/03/11]

Denham Seeks to Selloff Underutilized Buildings

In 2011, Denham held his first hearing of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management where auditors said the federal government owns 45,190 “underutilized” buildings. Denham stated that these buildings are a significant waste to the taxpayers. [[Fresno Bee](#), 2/11/11]

... Worked to Sell Off Unneeded State Buildings and Property

In 2004, Denham worked with state senator Jim Battin to propose a 10 bill package of legislation to inventory and sell state assets including create a single database of state property and create a commission similar to the Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) committee to accept or reject package sell offs to avoid fights over individual sites. They hope to raise \$1 billion dollars from the selloff of state property. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 3/22/04; [The Californian](#), 3/11/04]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Override State Laws Regarding Concealed Carry of Guns*
- ✓ *Opposed Gun Control*
- ✓ *Favors Trigger Locks*

Denham voted to override state laws regarding concealed carry of guns. The bill would have required California to recognize conceal-carry permits issued by other states. Denham opposed methods of gun control but favored trigger locks.

Voted to Override State Laws Regarding Concealed Carry of Guns

In 2011, Denham voted to require states that allow concealed-carry permits to recognize the conceal-carry permits issued by other states.

According to Bloomberg News, “the measure...would grant permit reciprocity across every state except Illinois, the District of Columbia and two territories, which all ban concealed weapons.” The measure would not cover machine guns or other “destructive devices.”

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of New York called the bill “anticommunity, antisafety and antipolice,” noting that it would require states with strong gun safety laws “to allow out-of-state visitors, potentially as young as 18, to walk down our streets armed and dangerous.” [Bloomberg News, 11/17/11]

The bill passed 272-154. [HR 822, [Vote #852](#), 11/16/11]

...Even Allowed Concealed Weapons for Stalkers and Abusers

Denham even voted against a motion that prevented the forced recognition if the permit carrier had been convicted of a sex offense against a minor; had a restraining order for harassing, stalking or threatening loved ones, partners or the children of partners; or if the attorney general had determined them suspected to be, engaged in, or supported terrorism. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/17/11]

The motion failed 161-263. [HR 822, [Vote #851](#), 11/16/11]

Denham Favored Trigger Locks in 2000

In 2000, Denham opposed gun control while favoring trigger locks.

According to the San Jose Mercury News: “The candidates differ on gun control. Salinas favors trigger locks and background checks at gun shows. Denham opposes gun control, although he, too, supports trigger locks.” [[San Jose Mercury News](#), 10/19/00]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Repeal the 2010 Healthcare Reform Law*
- ✓ *Voted to Allow Members of Congress to Accept Healthcare While Not Disclosing Their Choice*
- ✓ *Voted to Stop Construction of School-based Health Facilities*
- ✓ *Voted to Cut Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services by \$98 Million*

Denham voted to repeal the 2010 healthcare reform law. Denham also voted to allow Members of Congress to accept federal healthcare and keep their decision a secret. Denham voted to stop the construction of school-based health facilities and to cut substance abuse and mental health services by \$98 million.

Voted to Repeal Health Care, Put Insurance Industry in Charge of Americans' Health

In 2011, Denham voted to repeal the historic health care reform bill passed the previous year.

“If we repeal health reform there will be no prohibition on discrimination against over 100 million Americans with pre-existing conditions, no prohibition on insurance companies canceling your coverage when you get sick, no prohibition on lifetime caps and annual limits, no required coverage for young adults on their parents’ policy,” said Rep. Henry Waxman. [CQ Today, 1/19/11]

The American Medical Association and the AARP both opposed repealing the health care law. Out of several industry groups, only the U.S. Chamber of Commerce supported the repeal bill. [[The Hill](#), 1/19/11]

The bill passed, 245-189. [HR 2, [Vote #14](#), 1/19/11]

... Proud to Vote to Repeal the 2010 Health Care Reform Law

In 2010, Denham said he was proud to vote to repeal the 2010 health care reform law. Denham was an original cosponsor of the bill to repeal the 2010 health care reform law. [Denham Congressional Press Release, 1/07/11]

Denham Received \$32,700 from Insurance Industry

Representative Denham has received \$32,700 in campaign contributions from the insurance industry, including health insurance companies. [opensecrets.org, accessed 12/18/11]

... Despite the Effect Repeal Would Have on the 19th Congressional District

According to 2011 analysis by the minority staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Affordable Care Act provided significant benefits to California's 19th congressional district:

- Allowing insurance companies to deny coverage to 125,000 to 326,000 individuals, including 11,000 to 48,000 children, with pre-existing conditions.
 - Rescinding consumer protections for 400,000 individuals who have health insurance through their employer or the market for private insurance.
 - Eliminating health care tax credits for up to 11,400 small businesses and 168,000 families.
 - Increasing prescription drug costs for 10,600 seniors who hit the Part D drug "donut hole" and denying new preventive care benefits to 104,000 seniors.
 - Increasing the costs of early retiree coverage for up to 9,400 early retirees.
 - Eliminating new health care coverage options for 4,200 uninsured young adults.
 - Increasing the number of people without health insurance by 70,000 individuals.
 - Increasing the costs to hospitals of providing uncompensated care by \$27 million annually.
- [“New District by District and Metro Area Analyses of the Impact of Repealing Health Reform”, Minority Staff of Energy and Commerce Committee, 1/18/11]

... Though Repeal Jeopardizes Children, Pregnant Women, and Cancer Survivors

If Denham gets his way, insurance companies could deny coverage to children with pre-existing conditions, pregnant women and breast cancer survivors.

Repealing Health Care Reform Would Re-Legalize Allowing Insurance Companies to Drop Coverage for People with Pre-Existing Conditions

In March 2010, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that six months after the Health Care Legislation is signed, health plans would be prohibited from excluding children who have preexisting conditions. In 2014, this prohibition would be extended to adults. That year, insurers would no longer be allowed to set annual limits, rescind coverage, or impose excessive waiting periods before coverage starts. [Philadelphia Inquirer, 3/22/10]

... Including Children

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, six months after health care legislation was signed, health plans would be prohibited from excluding children who have preexisting conditions. [Philadelphia Inquirer, 3/22/10]

... Including Pregnant Women

According to PolitiFact.com, pregnancy was considered a pre-existing condition.

“But for now, Rohack is correct that pregnancy is considered a pre-existing condition and prevents many women from getting coverage if they seek insurance on the individual market,” the website explained. [politifact.com, [8/18/09](#)]

... Including Breast Cancer Survivors

According to PolitiFact.com, cancer was considered a pre-existing condition. [politifact.com, [8/18/09](#)]

And according to U.S. News, breast cancer was specifically considered a pre-existing condition.

“Starting in 2014, insurers won't be able to deny applicants based on, say, an earlier diagnosis of breast cancer,” the story reported. [usnews.com, [1/14/11](#)]

... Though Repeal Would Make Millions of Seniors Pay More for Prescription Drugs

If Denham gets his way, millions of seniors would pay more for prescription drugs.

Repealing Legislation Would Re-Enact the Donut Hole for Seniors

In March 2010, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Medicare seniors with Medicare prescription coverage prior to the signing of the Health Care Legislation must pay out of their pocket for drug spending that falls between \$2,830 and \$6,440 because of the “doughnut hole” in the Medicare law.

Seniors who hit this “idiosyncratic feature” this in 2010 would get a \$250 rebate. In 2011, the gap would be reduced through a discount on brand-name drugs. By 2020, it should be eliminated, although seniors would still have to pay 25 percent of their prescription-drug costs. [Philadelphia Inquirer, 3/22/10]

... Which Involved About 4 Million Seniors

As of June 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services estimated that approximately 4 million seniors would get the 2010 rebates for falling into the doughnut hole. [cnn.com, [6/07/10](#)]

... Though Repeal Would Lose Tax Breaks for Small Businesses

If Denham gets his way, small businesses would lose tax breaks that help make health insurance more affordable.

Repealing Legislation Would Eliminate Tax Breaks for Small Businesses

Businesses with fewer than 25 Employees and average wages of less than \$50,000 could qualify for a tax credit of up to 35 percent of the cost of the premiums. [MSNBC, 3/22/10]

... Though Repeal Would Prevent Young People From Staying on Parents' Plans

If Denham gets his way, young people would not be able to stay on their parents' plans until age 26.

Repealing Healthcare Reform Would Prevent Dependent Children from Staying of Parents' Plans Until Age 26

According to 2010 analysis by Kaiser Health News, under healthcare reform, dependent children could remain on their parents' health insurance plans until age 26. [msnbc.com, [3/22/10](#)]

... Though Repealing Health Care Could Eliminate Up to 400,000 Jobs

According to the Center for American Progress, the repeal of health insurance reform could eliminate 250,000 to 400,000 jobs annually over the next ten years. [Center for American Progress, [1/07/11](#)]

... Though Repeal Would Add \$230 Billion to the Deficit

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the repeal of health care reform would increase the deficit by \$230 billion by 2021. The CBO's previous score of the Affordable Health Care Act had it decreasing the deficit by \$143 billion over 10 years. [Politico, [1/06/11](#)]

Voted for a Budget which Could Lead to Rationing of Health Care

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which could lead to a rationing of health care.

According to National Public Radio (NPR):

The CBO acknowledges that private health insurance plans would have cost-reduction tools available that government-run Medicare does not — things like limiting benefits, changing co-payment amounts, managing how patients use services, and controlling which doctors and hospitals are in their networks.

"(S)uch steps could serve as alternatives to limiting payments to providers in restraining health care costs and insurance premiums," the report says.

But at the same time, it warns, the higher payments could affect care. Beneficiaries might be less likely to use "new, costly, but possibly beneficial, technologies and techniques" than they do under current law.

In other words, exactly the sort of rationing that so frightened Republicans when they were fighting the health law — the health law that Ryan's proposal would repeal, by the way. [National Public Radio, [4/06/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Could Double the Cost of Health Care for Those on Medicaid

According to an editorial in the New York Times the Ryan Plan would end the payment by the Government of half of the cost of Medicaid

From the editorial:

One of Mr. Ryan's most damaging ideas is to change Medicare and Medicaid from entitlement programs — covering everyone who is eligible for a defined set of services. Instead, Washington would contribute set amounts that would almost certainly grow more slowly than medical costs. You will hear a lot about how squeezing outlays will mean more efficiency. The real result is that the most vulnerable — the elderly, the poor, the disabled — will have to pay more for care or forgo treatment.

The government currently pays half or more of the costs of Medicaid, which insures the poor. Under Mr. Ryan's proposal, the federal government would give each state a lump sum that probably would not keep pace with rising costs or accommodate surges in demand. Right now when a recession hits, the federal and state contributions rise to meet the higher rolls. The states would be given great flexibility, but many would use that to reduce benefits or drop people from coverage. [New York Times Editorial, 4/05/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Allowed Repealing Health Care While Keeping Benefits for Members of Congress

In January 2011, Denham voted against a motion that would not allow Congress to repeal the health reform bill without a majority of members of the House and Senate agreeing to forgo federal benefits themselves.

The motion to recommit instructed the repeal bill to be sent back to three committees and altered to require a majority of House and Senate members to give up federal health care benefits before repeal could take place.

“Congress should live by the same rule it imposes on everyone else,” said Rep. Robert Andrews. “There are serious consequences of this bill and we believe that repealing it is unfair and just plain wrong. It would even be more wrong for those who support the repeal to live by a different standard.” [The Hill, 1/19/11]

The bill failed, 185-245. [H.R. 2, [Vote #13](#), 1/19/11]

Voted to Keep Federal Health Care Benefits a Secret

In January 2011, Denham voted against requiring the disclosure of whether Members were enrolling in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program.

The bill failed, 238-191. [H Res 5, [Vote #5](#), 1/05/11]

Voted Against Prioritizing Underserved Communities When Funding Health Centers

In 2011, Denham voted against prioritizing underserved communities when providing funds for qualified teaching health centers.

The motion would have amended the underlying bill to require that the Secretary of Health and Human Services prioritize underserved communities when determining the allotment of funding for qualified teaching health centers. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/25/11]

The motion failed, 184-263. [HR 1216, [Vote #339](#), 5/25/11]

Denham then voted for the bill which eliminated a mandatory \$230 million appropriation for qualified teaching health centers to expand or establish programs to provide training to medical residents. It was the fourth in a series of five GOP measures aimed at repealing or adjusting mandatory funding for programs under the 2010 health care overhaul law. [CQ Weekly, [5/30/11](#); HR 1216, [Vote #340](#), 5/25/11]

Voted to Stop Construction of School-based Health Facilities

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which repealed funds allocated in the Affordable Care Act for the construction of school-based health facilities.

The bill would eliminate a \$50 million dollar per year program designed to build school-based health facilities which was created by the Affordable Care Act in 2010. This is one of a group of bills intended to repeal the Affordable Care Act one piece at a time rather than using a comprehensive bill. [[The Hill](#), [5/04/11](#); [The Hill](#); [5/08/11](#)]

Part of the funds for this program were dispensed on July 14, 2011. \$95 million was awarded to 278 school-based health center programs which could help them increase the number of patients annually they see from 790,000 to 123,000. [HHS.gov, [7/14/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-191. [HR 1214, [Vote #290](#), 5/04/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which required the Department of Health and Human Services to compile and make public the list of applicants for school-based health center construction. The motion failed 180-230. A list of 278 schools who received funding on July 14, 2011 was published with a press release from Health and Human services. [HR 1214, [Vote #289](#), 5/04/11; HHS.gov; [7/14/11](#)]

Voted Against Helping States Provide Health Insurance Exchanges

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill eliminating funding to help states set up insurance exchanges created by the 2010 healthcare reform law.

The bill repealed funds designed to help states set up the required insurance exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act in 2010. This bill would have only removed the federal funding designated to help

the states set up exchanges and would not have removed the mandate for the state insurance exchanges. [[The Hill](#), [5/03/11](#); [Politico](#), [5/03/11](#)]

The bill passed 238-183. [HR 1213, [Vote #285](#), 5/03/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which required insurance plans offered under the state insurance exchanges to disclose how much of an impact pre-existing conditions have had on premiums and policy denials.

The motion failed 190-231. [HR 1213, [Vote #284](#), 5/03/11]

Voted to Eliminate the Disease Prevention and Public Health Fund

In 2011, Denham voted to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund which was created by the Affordable Care Act and would have received almost \$18 billion dollars in the years to come. [[Roll Call](#), [4/13/11](#)]

The goal of the Prevention and Public Health Fund was to provide funds to communities and states to prevent chronic diseases. [CQ House Action Report, [4/11/11](#)]

According to Dr. Jeff Susman, the Editor-in-Chief at the Journal of Family Practice, “[... T]his fund supports: training and development of primary care providers to use evidence-based interventions to address tobacco control, obesity prevention, and HIV-related health disparities; integration of primary care and behavioral health care; promotion of healthy lifestyles and activities aimed at reducing obesity-related conditions and costs, including the First Lady’s “Let’s Move!” initiative; implementation of anti-tobacco media campaigns, telephone-based smoking cessation service, and outreach programs targeting vulnerable populations [...] [Journal of Family Practice, Editorial, 5/01/11]

The bill passed 236-183. [HR 1217, [Vote #264](#), 4/13/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which would have changed the funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund from mandatory to discretionary spending and specified that the fund would be used for prevention, wellness and public health activities for people 65 and older.

The motion failed 189-234. [HR 1217, [Vote #263](#), 4/13/11]

Voted to Cut Off Funding to Implement Health Care Reform Law

In 2011, Denham voted to bar the use of funds to carry out the provisions of the 2010 health care reform bill and its reconciliation measures, or any amendment made by those laws.

The amendment was adopted, 241-187. [HR 1, King amendment #267, [Vote #98](#), 2/18/11]

Denham also voted to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the federal government to implement the provisions of the health care reform bill. That amendment was adopted, 237-191. [HR 1, King amendment #268, [Vote #99](#), 2/18/11]

Voted to Cut Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services by \$98 Million

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment that would increase funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) by \$50 million. The amendment would reduce funding for substance abuse and mental health services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by \$98 million.

The amendment was rejected, 104-322. [HR 1, Bass amendment #565, [Vote #71](#), 2/17/11]

Voted Against Disclosing Drug Maker Clinical Trials to the Public

In 2007, Denham voted against a bill which required drug makers to disclose the results of clinical trials directly to the public. This measure was supported by the California Federation of Consumers. [California State Senate Bill [606](#), [Vote 6/07/07](#)]

Voted against Wal-Mart Legislation in 2006

In 2006, Denham voted against SB 1414, a bill which required companies with more than 10,000 employees to spend at least 8 percent of their payroll costs on healthcare. [California State Senate Bill [1414](#), [Vote 8/31/06](#)]

Voted Against Mandatory Coverage by Employers

In 2003, Denham voted against requiring large employers of low-wage employees to provide health benefits for their workers or pay a fine. Proceeds from the fine would be used to pay for health insurance coverage of the working poor. The bill was ultimately enacted into law. [California State Senate Bill [2](#), [Vote 9/12/03](#)]

Authored a Bill in the State Senate to Allow Organ Donors to Not Give to Inmates

In 2003, Denham authored SB 38 in the California State Senate which would include a box on the donor registration which would allow them to keep their organs from going to prisoners in state or county jails. The spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections pointed out that this would probably lead to a law suit that the state would lose since they are required to provide “community-level care” by the Supreme Court. This was inspired because of a California inmate who received a heart transplant. [[Sacramento Bee](#), 1/24/03]

The bill failed in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services in 2004 by a vote of 1-6. [[Modesto Bee](#), 1/15/04]

Note: Denham’s father died right after the election in 2002 while waiting on the liver transplant list. “Had there been more organs available, my father would be alive” [[Sacramento Bee](#), 1/24/03]

Health Care Issues – Stem Cell Research

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Opposed Two Bills in California to set up Guidelines and Regulations for the Use of Human Embryonic Stem Cells within the state.*

Denham opposed legislation which created guidelines and regulations for the use of human embryonic stem cells in California.

Voted against Stem Cell Research Guidelines in California

In 2003, Denham voted against SB 322, which required the State Department of Health Services to develop guidelines for research involving human embryonic stem cells in California. [California State Senate Bill 322, Vote 9/11/03]

Voted against Stem Cell Research Regulations in California

In 2003, Denham voted against SB 771, which established the regulations and codes governing the use of embryonic stem cells in medical research. [California State Senate Bill 771, Vote 6/04/03]

Immigration and Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Supported Arizona's Immigration Law in 2010*
- ✓ *Opposed a State Version of the DREAM Act, But Stated He Supported Earned Residency for Illegal Youths*

Denham supported Arizona's immigration law in 2010 and opposed a boycott by the state of California against Arizona for passing the measure. Denham voted against the DREAM Act in the State Senate Education Committee because he opposed financial aid being given to undocumented immigrants. Denham also said that Congress should change the law to allow undocumented youths to earn citizenship.

Denham Supported Arizona's Immigration Law in 2010

In 2010, Denham opposed a Senate Concurrent Resolution which would call on California to boycott Arizona over its immigration law. Denham said in a press release that he supported Arizona's immigration law. [Denham Press Release, 6/24/10]

Denham Voted Against Dream Act in State Senate Education Committee, Supports Earned Residency for Illegal Youths

In 2008, Denham voted against a DREAM Act in the California State Senate Education Committee.

Denham voted against the DREAM Act proposal because "he didn't want other students to miss out on financial aid given to the undocumented. Undocumented youths should not be punished, he said but Congress should eliminate the problem by passing a law so youths can earn residency". [[Sacramento Bee](#), 4/14/08]

Labor and Working Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted for a Budget that would Cost 1.7 Million Jobs*
- ✓ *Voted to Reduce the Maximum Unemployment Benefits from 99 Weeks to 59 Weeks*
- ✓ *Voted to Cut \$127 Billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*

Denham voted for a budget that a former McCain economic advisor said would cost 1.7 million jobs. Denham also voted to reduce the maximum unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks. Denham voted to cut \$127 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Voted for a Budget that Would Cost 1.7 Million Jobs

In 2011, Denham voted for a budget that would cost 1.7 million jobs, including 900,000 jobs in 2012.

According to Mark Zandi of Moody's Analytics, a former McCain economic advisor, the Republican budget proposal would result in 1.7 million fewer jobs, including 900,000 in the first year compared to the president's proposal. [Moody's Analytics, 4/14/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Voted to Reduce the Maximum Unemployment Benefits from 99 Weeks to 59 Weeks

In 2011, Denham voted to reduce the maximum duration of unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks.

The bill which covered a number of different subjects limited the maximum duration of unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The bill passed 234-193. [HR 3630, [Vote #923](#), 12/13/11]

Voted to Cut \$127 Billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which would cut \$127 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The Republican budget proposed cutting \$127 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) and changing the program to a block grant to the states which would be set and indexed to inflation starting in 2015. It also would have made “aid contingent on work or job training.” [The Path to Prosperity, p. 41, accessed [10/6/11](#); [The Washington Post](#), 5/5/11; [The Hill](#), 4/7/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Voted Against Cutting \$604 Million from the Women, Infants and Children Program

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment which would have cut \$604 million dollars, or 10 percent, of the budget from the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC).

The amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Agriculture Appropriations legislation reduced the WIC account by 10 percent and transferred the funds to a spending reduction account. [Congressional Record, [6/15/11](#); [The Hill](#), [6/15/11](#)]

The amendment failed 64-360. [HR 2112, [Vote #430](#), 6/15/11]

Labor and Working Family Issues – Undermining Unions

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Delay, Make Union Formation More Difficult*
- ✓ *Voted to Protect Companies Retaliating Against Workers Trying to Unionize*

Denham voted to delay and make union formation more difficult. Denham also voted to protect companies that were retaliating against workers who were trying to unionize.

Voted to Delay, Make Union Formation More Difficult

In 2011, Denham voted to institute mandatory waiting periods into the voting process for workers to form a union.

The bill would delay votes on forming a union until at least 35 days after a successful pre-election hearing, which would happen at least 14 days after certifying a unionization petition. [Associated Press Financial Wire, 11/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 11/30/11]

The bill passed 235-188. [HR 3094, [Vote #869](#), 11/30/11]

Denham even voted against a motion that required unionization elections to happen within the same period as required to elect a new CEO, under the laws of the individual state. The motion also prohibited mandatory attendance meetings campaigning for or against unionization. [Congressional Record, H7984, 11/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 11/30/11]

The motion failed 185-239. [HR 3094, [Vote #868](#) 11/30/11]

Voted to Protect Companies Retaliating Against Workers Trying to Unionize

In 2011, Denham voted to prevent the National Labor Relations Board from “ordering any employer to close, relocate or transfer employment under any circumstances.”

The bill would have prohibited the National Labor Relations Board from taking action against companies that it felt were retaliating against workers for forming a union, striking, or exercising any of their other federally protected rights. These actions include “ordering a company to reinstate production or make certain investments, at a given location” or “blocking a firm’s decision to relocate” and would apply to all decisions that had not been finalized prior to the passage of the legislation. [[New York Times](#), 9/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 9/15/11]

The bill passed 238-186. [HR 2587, [Vote #711](#), 9/15/11]

...And to Allow Them to Outsource American Jobs

Denham even voted against a motion which would have ensured that the National Labor Relations Board retained the “authority to order a company to maintain or restore jobs that have been or will be outsourced to a foreign country in violation of the National Labor Relations Act.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/15/11]

The motion failed 189-235. [HR 2587, [Vote #710](#), 9/15/11]

Voted to Change Union-Representation Ballot Counting Rules

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which changed the union-representation ballots rules for rail and airline employees.

The legislation would have reduced the overall funding for the FAA by \$4 billion dollars and contained an anti-union rule which changed the way union-representation ballots are counted for companies governed by the Railway Labor Act, which includes rail and airlines. [CRS Report, [R41666](#), 3/03/11; CQ BillAnalysis, [6/07/11](#)]

The bill passed 223-196. [HR 658, [Vote #220](#), 3/29/11]

Labor and Working Family Issues – Workers’ Rights and Safety

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted against Protecting TRICARE Subcontractor Employees under Labor Protection Laws*
- ✓ *Opposed Calling on the Federal Government to Extend Unemployment Benefits*
- ✓ *Opposed Making it Easier for Workers to Take Leave to Take Care of Ill Loved Ones*
- ✓ *Opposed Multiple Disability Benefits Extensions*

Denham voted against protecting TRICARE subcontractor employees under labor protection laws. Denham opposed legislation which called on the federal government to extend unemployment benefits. Denham opposed legislation which made it easier for Californians to use their leave take care of sick loved ones.

Voted against protecting TRICARE Subcontractor Employees under Labor Protection Laws

In 2011, Denham voted against protecting TRICARE subcontractors and defense contractor employees under labor protection laws.

The motion would have struck a provision in the conference report that exempted TRICARE network providers from labor protection laws. According to a press release from the author of the motion, “By striking this section, the motion would guarantee that employees of TRICARE subcontractors and other defense contractors are afforded labor protections for civil rights, disabilities, and veterans.” [CQ Floor Votes, 12/14/11; Rep. Sanford Bishop Press Release, 12/14/11]

The motion failed 183-234. [HR 1540, [Vote #931](#), 12/14/11]

Opposed Extending Unemployment Benefits

In 2008, Denham voted against legislation which called on the federal government to extend the period during which laid-off workers would be eligible to collect unemployment benefits. The legislation passed both houses. [California State Assembly Joint Resolution [56](#), Vote [6/30/08](#)]

Voted against Workplace Protections for Families

In 2007, Denham voted against legislation which made it easier for workers to take leave under the California Family Rights Act to provide medical care to ill loved ones. [California State Assembly Bill 537, Vote 9/06/07]

Repeatedly Voted against Extending Disability Benefits

In 2006 and 2007 Denham voted against bills that extended the number of weeks during which workers could collect permanent disability benefits. [California State Assembly Bill 1883, Vote 8/28/06; California State Senate Bill 815, 8/31/06; California State Senate Bill 936, 6/04/07; California State Senate Bill 942, 9/12/07]

Opposed Labor Agreements on the Construction of the High Speed Rail

In 2003, Denham wrote a letter to Governor Gray Davis asking him to veto a high speed rail labor agreement bill.

Denham said that he thought that the inclusion of Project Labor Agreements could prevent the high speed rail project bond from passing. [The Merced Sun-Star, 10/01/03]

Supported Eliminating Prevailing Wage

In 2002, at a debate for the California 12th Senate District, Denham supported eliminating the prevailing wage for projects which use public funds. [Modesto Bee, 9/27/02]

Labor and Working Family Issues – Outsourcing and Expatriates

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Allowed Government Contracts with Companies the Offshore American Jobs*
- ✓ *Opposed “Dictating” to Corporations that Send Jobs Overseas*
- ✓ *Voted Against Extending Trade Adjustment Assistance*
- ✓ *Opposed Prohibiting State and Local Governments from Hiring Contractors that Offshore Labor*
- ✓ *Opposed Requiring State Contractors to Disclose what they Offshore*
- ✓ *Signed the Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to Oppose Tax Increases or the Reduction or Elimination of Tax Deductions*

Despite Denham having signed the American for Tax Reform Pledge, meaning that he would oppose any tax increases or the reduction or elimination of tax deductions, Denham supported companies that offshore American jobs. Denham said the government should not dictate to corporations that ship jobs overseas. Denham also voted against extending Trade Adjustment Assistance. Denham also voted against two state measures which would have limited state contracts with contractors that offshore labor.

Allowed Government Contracts with Companies Shipping American Jobs Overseas

In January 2011, Denham voted against a motion that would not allow government spending on contracts with companies determined to have outsourced American jobs abroad.

The motion to recommit required the Rules Committee to report an amendment that would specify that, when the House Budget Committee chairman set a discretionary spending limit for the remainder of fiscal 2011, no spending would be allocated for a contract with a company the Labor secretary determined to have shipped jobs abroad. [CQ Today, 1/25/11]

The motion failed, 184-242. [H Res 38, [Vote #19](#), 1/25/11]

Denham Signed Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to Not Eliminate Tax Deductions

In 2011, Denham was listed as a signer of the Americans for Tax Reform's *Taxpayer Protection Pledge*, stating that he opposed any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates. [ATR Pledge, accessed 11/14/11]

Denham Feels the Government "Shouldn't Dictate" on Corporate Outsourcing

In 2011, Denham said that the government should not dictate to corporations that ship jobs overseas.

According to a column in the Modesto Bee, while Denham was addressing Tea Party Patriots in Modesto, California Denham said "We shouldn't dictate to" corporations that send jobs overseas. [Modesto Bee, 9/29/11]

Voted Against Extending Trade Adjustment Assistance

In 2011, Denham voted against extending Trade Adjustment Assistance that provides retraining to workers and others who lost their jobs due to unfair trade practices.

According to the Indianapolis Star, qualified workers are "eligible for college tuition payments, relocation benefits and health insurance tax credits not available to other unemployed workers. And they have a longer eligibility period for unemployment benefits." [Indianapolis Star, 10/13/11]

The motion to concur passed 307-122. [HR 2832, [Vote #784](#), 10/12/11]

Voted Against Prioritizing American Inventors

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which moved patents to be developed and produced in America to the front of the approval line.

The motion would have required the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to prioritize patents which pledge to develop or manufacture their products in the United States. The motion would also deny this prioritization to nationals of countries that deny adequate and effective protection for patent rights or fair and equitable access for persons that rely on patent protection. [CQ Floor Votes, [6/23/11](#)]

The motion failed 172-251. [HR 1249, [Vote #490](#), 6/23/11]

Voted against Prohibiting State and Local Governments from Hiring Contractors that Offshore Labor

In 2004, Denham voted against legislation which prohibited state and local governments from employing contractors who provide services using offshore labor. This bill was vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. [California State Assembly Bill [1829](#), Vote [8/23/04](#)]

... Voted against Requiring State Contractors to disclose what they offshore

In 2005, Denham voted against legislation which required state contractors to describe the percentage of services under its contracts would be performed by offshore labor. This bill was vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. [California State Assembly Bill [524](#), Vote [9/06/05](#)]

Native American Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Has been a Prolific Fundraiser from the Native American Community*
- ✓ *Was Named to the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs*
- ✓ *Was Vice-Chairman of the California State Senate Committee Dealing With Indian Gaming*

Denham was named to the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs and had been involved with Indian gaming in the California State Senate. Denham has been able to raise significant amounts of money from the Native American Community both as a state senator and as a candidate and member of Congress, some of this fundraising has raised ethical issues.

Was a Member of the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs

In 2011, Denham was a member of the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. [Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, accessed [10/2/11](#)]

Denham has been a Prolific Fundraiser with the Native American Community

In 2006, Denham was supported by \$494,346 in television ads from a group called “Team 2006, Sponsored by California Sovereign Indian Nations”. At the time there were no tribal casinos in Denham’s district but he was the vice-chairman of the Senate committee which has jurisdiction over Indian gaming. The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians was looking to build a casino/resort on non-tribal lands on Highway 99. [[Modesto Bee](#), 10/26/06]

Threw a Fundraising Party before Being Sworn In

In 2011, Denham, with the New Majority PAC, threw a fundraising party featuring LeAnn Rimes as a welcome party for the incoming freshman class. Denham invited members of the press to W Hotel in Washington, D.C. prior to the party to answer questions about the fundraiser. Major donors to the party included the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (\$65,000) and the Morongo Mission Indians Native (\$25,000). The party raised \$212,900 but cost \$212,250, netting only \$650 dollars. [Politico.com, 1/04/11; [Los Angeles Times](#), 1/05/11; Politico.com, 1/31/11; [Fresno Bee](#), 4/16/11]

Denham Makes Legally Questionable Campaign Donation Involving the Chukchansi Tribe

In 2010, Denham's state campaign accounts donated \$25,000 and loaned \$150,000 to a charity called "Remembering the Brave" which had been running ads featuring Denham in the run up to the Republican primary. The ads feature Denham but do not endorse him; instead Denham is promoting a concert to benefit the charity which will be held at the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino. The question of legality stems from a candidate being barred from spending funds raised for state campaigns on federal elections. While the commercials did not endorse Denham they did provide "valuable exposure". [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/29/10; 5/17/10]

... Memo on Chukchansi Letterhead Suggests Concert Could Raise Funds for Denham

A memo on Chukchansi letter listed an item for a meeting as "On 5/28, the Charity Concert by Phil Vassar will be performing to raise funds for Jeff Denham and Joe Alberta campaigns." The Chukchansi spokeswoman said "It is an inaccurate document. The document is not ours" and a consultant for Denham's campaign said it was "obviously a misprint". [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/29/10]

... The Chukchansi Indians Ran an Ad against Denham's Opponents

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, owners of the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino, ran radio ads attacking Denham's Republican opponents in the final days. The Chukchansi gave money to the "Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership" independent expenditure which ran ads against Denham's opponents and in support of Denham. [[Fresno Bee](#), 6/9/10; FEC Report, Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership, 7/14/10; 6/04/10]

... Republican Representative Devin Nunes was vocally Critical of Denham

"We must ensure that Indian gambling revenues are not being used to fund political activities," Nunes said at the May 19 hearing of the House Ways and Means Committee, adding that "I'm appalled by this exploitation of veterans." Nunes added that "some members of the Chukchansi tribe contacted me, and they're worried about this money being spent [improperly]." Nunes was supporting one of Denham's opponents during the primary. [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/29/10]

... Even After Primary Rep. Nunes Accused Denham of Financial Misconduct

Representative Devin Nunes said that he would not support Denham's campaign for Congress until "'Serious illegalities' in Denham's campaign" were addressed. Nunes was the only local Representative to take this stance against Denham after the primary. [[Fresno Bee](#), 6/10/10]

... FEC Complaint Filed by Fresno Republicans

In 2010, Fresno Republicans Tal Cloud and Michael "Mike" Der Manouel Jr. requested an FEC investigation into "Denham for Congress Committee, the Chukchansi Tribal Government, the non-profit Remembering the Brave, Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership, and Gillard Blanning and Associates". Michael Der Manouel Jr. was the chairman of the Lincoln Club of Fresno County in 2010. [FEC Letter of Complaint, 8/31/10; [Fresno Bee](#), 8/21/10]

... FEC Deadlocked on Continuing the Investigation, Dropped Investigation

In 2011, the FEC dropped their investigation of Denham's alleged FEC violations. According to the Modesto Bee, the FEC unanimously dismissed five allegations while deadlocking on three concerning Denham's 2010 campaign. The three remaining failed on a tie, three-to-three, vote. Of the three remaining allegations two were focused on the Remembering the Brave Foundation while the third was focused on where or not the FEC had "reason to believe that Jeff Denham, Jeff Denham for State Senate and David Bauer, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Denham for Congress and David Bauer, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R § 110.3(d). [Modesto Bee, 9/26/11; FEC Executive Session, 8/02/11]

NOTE: 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) states: *Federal candidates 1) In general a candidate, individual holding Federal office, agent of a candidate or an individual holding Federal office, or an entity directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained or controlled by or acting on behalf of 1 or more candidates or individuals holding Federal office, shall not - (A) solicit, receive, direct, transfer, or spend funds in connection with an election for Federal office, including funds for any Federal election activity, unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act; or* [Find Law, Accessed 11/02/11]

Voted Against Increasing Funding for Indian Health Facilities

In 2011, Denham voted against increasing funding for Indian health facilities.

The amendment increased funding for Indian health facilities in the underlying bill by \$18 million and was budget neutral by reductions in the underlying bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/11]

The amendment failed 175-237. [HR 2584, Vote #632, 7/25/11]

Advocated for Provisions to Provide Tribes with an Easier Way to Request Disaster Assistance

In December 2011, a Denham aid said provisions to provide tribes with an easier way to request disaster assistance could be included in the FEMA reauthorization bill.

The Obama administration announced they supported initiatives on Capitol Hill to give recognized tribal governments the ability to request disaster relief directly from the president. Denham said the issue is something his panel is "definitely taking very seriously." The congressman has spoken to a few tribal leaders and is trying to get a sense of how pervasive the issue is across the country, he said. [Congressional Quarterly Homeland Security, 12/9/11]

Other Social Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted for an Amendment which would make it harder for Low-Income Seniors and Veterans to Sue the United States for the Benefits they Deserve*
- ✓ *Voted to Cut Funding for Community Service Block Grants*

Denham voted for an amendment which cut funding for legal fees paid under the Equal Access to Justice Act, which helps low-income veterans and Social Security recipients retain counsel for civil actions against the United States which could be used to help fight for their benefits. Denham voted to reduce funding for the Community Service Block Grant programs by \$100 million.

Voted to Make Benefits for Seniors and Veterans Harder to Get

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment that would make it harder for low-income veterans and Social Security recipients to retain counsel in a civil action against the United States, like when fighting for benefits.

The Lummis amendment imposed a seven-month moratorium on all legal fees paid under the Equal Access to Justice Act, a Reagan-era law designed to help people afford an attorney while suing the government.

“We’re in the middle of two wars right now and to make it harder for a veteran — fighting for his benefits — to have an attorney is a horrible thing. That’s not what this country is about,” Robert Chishold, a prominent veterans’ law attorney said. [[Politico](#), 2/23/11]

The amendment passed, 232-197. [HR 1, Lummis amendment #195, Vote #85, [2/17/11](#)]

Voted to Cut Community Service Block Grants by \$100 Million

In 2011, Denham voted to cut Community Service Block Grant programs by \$100 million.

The amendment was rejected, 115-316. [HR 1, Flake amendment #457, [Vote #72](#), 2/17/11]

Seniors' Issues – Medicare, Medicaid and Prescription Drugs

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget which Ended Medicare*
- ✓ *Incorrectly Said the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Would Not Change Medicare for People over 65*
- ✓ *Voted to Reopen the Medicare “Doughnut Hole”*
- ✓ *Voted Against Protecting Social Security and Medicare Benefits from Privatization*

Denham voted for the House Republican Fiscal Year 2012 budget which ended Medicare. Denham said that the House Republican Fiscal Year 2012 budget would not change Medicare for people over the age of 65, which was proven to be false. Denham voted to reopen the Medicare “Doughnut Hole.” Denham voted against a motion to recommit protecting Social Security and Medicare Benefits from privatization.

Voted to End Medicare

In 2011, Denham voted for Republican Budget Chairman Paul Ryan’s budget which ended Medicare for Americans younger than 55.

According to the McClatchy-Tribune News Service, “The proposals from Rep. Paul Ryan [...] effectively would end Medicare for seniors, revamp Medicaid for the poor, scrap the 2010 health care law, roll back nonmilitary federal spending overall and lower individual and corporate tax rates.” [McClatchy-Tribune News Service, [4/05/11](#)]

The Wall Street Journal wrote, “The plan would essentially end Medicare, which now pays most of the health-care bills for 48 million elderly and disabled Americans, as a program that directly pays those bills.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/04/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

... Medicare Costs Would Rise for Many Under the Republican Plan.

According to the Wall Street Journal, “The House Republican plan for overhauling Medicare would fundamentally change how the federal government pays for health care, starting a decade

from now, likely resulting in higher out-of-pocket costs and greater limits to coverage for many Americans.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/06/11](#)]

... CBO: Seniors Would Pay More Under Ryan Plan

According to the CBO, “most elderly people would pay more for their health care than they would pay under the current Medicare system.” [CBO, [4/05/11](#)]

... CBO: Future Seniors to Pay 68 Percent of Their Health Care Costs

The Washington Post reported that the Congressional Budget Office estimated retirees would eventually have to pay 68 percent of their health care costs. According to the newspaper:

The Congressional Budget Office, the nonpartisan arm of Congress, analyzed Ryan’s plan and estimated that by 2030, the government would pay just 32 percent of the health care costs, less than half of what the federal plan currently pays. The other 68 percent of the plan would have to be shouldered by the retiree. (The CBO estimated that if traditional Medicare stayed in place, the government would pay 70 to 75 percent of the costs.) [Washington Post, [4/29/11](#)]

... Seniors Would Pay Almost Double Their Costs Under Ryan Plan

The Los Angeles Times reported that the Republican budget would almost double healthcare costs for seniors. According to the Los Angeles Times:

The Republican congressman's proposal to privatize Medicare would mean a dramatic hike in U.S. healthcare costs for the elderly, an independent analysis finds. Seniors would pay almost double — more than \$12,510 a year. [LA Times, [4/07/11](#)]

... Plan Included the Same \$500 Billion in Savings Republicans Attacked in 2010

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which included the same \$500 billion in Medicare savings they attacked Democrats for in 2010.

According to a Washington Post fact check, the Republican Budget uses “virtually the same \$500 billion in Medicare savings.” [Washington Post, Fact Checker, [6/14/11](#)]

Voted for a Budget Which Hurts Current Medicare Enrollees

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which hurt Americans over 65 years old by reopening the “doughnut hole” and reducing spending on long-term care.

The Republican budget would hurt people over the age of 65, contrary to Republican claims. The Republican budget repealed the Affordable Care Act, passed in 2010, including the provision which gradually closes the “doughnut hole” for people using Medicare.

The “doughnut hole” occurs when a Medicare Part D beneficiary spends a certain amount of money, through both Medicare and out of their own pocket, on prescription drugs, once this point is met the beneficiary has to pay all of their prescription drug costs out of pocket until they reach another spending benchmark which allows them to start receiving Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage again. [Factcheck.org, [5/06/11](#); Associated Press, [4/6/11](#)]

The Republican budget also cut funding for Medicaid and converted its funding into block grants. Seniors rely on Medicaid to pay for long-term care because it is not covered by Medicare. According to the Congressional Budget Office letter sent in response to the Republican budget “about two-thirds of all Medicaid spending is for the elderly and disabled, while about one-third is for low-income families with dependent children.” [The Hill, [4/5/11](#); CBO, [4/05/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

... Republican Budget was criticized for Potential Cuts to Nursing-Home Care

According to The Hill:

While House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) is pitching his Medicaid overhaul as welfare reform, healthcare providers and liberal groups are warning that its greatest impact may be on seniors. Because Medicare does not cover long-term care such as lengthy nursing home stays, some 14 million seniors and people with disabilities instead rely on Medicaid. [...] ‘One million patients require long term care through Medicaid every day,’ Mark Parkinson, the president and CEO of the American Health Care Association, said in a statement. [The Hill, [4/5/11](#)]

Republicans Falsely Stated Health Care Plan Just Like Plan for Members

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which Republicans claimed was the same as Congressional health care, but was proven to be “fundamentally different.”

According to the Washington Post:

During the congressional recess, Rep. Ryan and other Republican lawmakers have been selling their proposal to restructure Medicare with what appears to be a poll-tested phrase: It will be similar to a system ‘just like’ what members of Congress have. The phrase pops up in all sorts of news releases and [interviews](#) with [members of Congress](#), as well as no less than five times in the [budget plan](#) crafted by Rep. Ryan. [...] Ryan’s phrase is alluring — many Americans apparently believe that members of Congress get great benefits — but is it accurate? [...] But the comparison begins to break down once you consider the premium support payments. [...] We think the reference to the health plan for members of Congress gives a false and misleading impression to ordinary people. Two Pinocchios. [Washington Post, [4/29/11](#)]

The Pulitzer-prize winning PolitiFact.com also stated that the Republican budget plan was fundamentally different than the plan members of Congress receive. According to Politifact, the proposal is

“fundamentally different from the kind of employer-provided health insurance that members of Congress receive”. [Politifact, [4/13/11](#)]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Said that the Republican Budget Would Not Change Medicare for People over 55

In 2011, Denham’s office issued a press release in which he is quoted as saying that “[t]here will be no change for citizens above the age of 55”. This was disproven by the National Journal who pointed out that the Republican Budget would increase the amount of money current seniors spend on prescription drugs “almost immediately”. [Denham Congressional Press Release, 4/15/11; National Journal 6/02/11]

Voted Against Protecting Social Security and Medicare Benefits from Privatization

In March 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have prohibited continuing appropriations funds for fiscal year 2011 for being used in developing or implementing a system that cuts Social Security benefits or that privatizes Social Security.

The amendment also prohibited funds from being used to develop or implement a system that cuts Medicare benefits, eliminates guaranteed health coverage for seniors or establishes a Medicare voucher plan that limits payments to beneficiaries in order to purchase health care in the private sector.

The motion failed, 190-239. [HJR 48, [Vote #178](#), 2/15/11]

Voted Against Protecting Seniors from Abusive, Deceptive, or Unfair Practices

In 2011, Denham voted against ensuring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau would retain its ability to protect seniors from abusive, deceptive, or unfair practices.

The motion failed 183-232. [HR 1315, [Vote #620](#), 7/21/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/21/11]

Seniors' Issues – Social Security and Retirement Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Argued in Favor of Personal Retirement Accounts for Social Security*
- ✓ *Voted Against Protecting Social Security and Medicare Benefits from Privatization*
- ✓ *Voted to Raise Social Security's Retirement Age to 70*
- ✓ *Opposed Protecting Public Pensions in California*

Denham argued in favor of personal retirement accounts for Social Security and voted against protecting Social Security and Medicare from privatization. Denham voted to raise the Social Security retirement age to 70 by 2045 when he voted for the Republican Study Committee budget. Denham also voted against a motion to recommit which would have protected Social Security and Medicare benefits from privatization.

Argued in Favor of Personal Retirement Accounts for Social Security

In 2012, Denham argued that the Republican Path to Prosperity plan allowed workers to invest in personal retirement accounts. “Young workers will also have the option of investing over one-third of their current Social Security taxes into personal retirement accounts that will protect every dollar contributed.” [Rep. Denham, Newsletter, [2/24/12](#)]

Voted for the Republican Study Committee Budget

In April 2011, Denham voted for the Fiscal Year 2012 Republican Study Committee (RSC) budget, which 136 Republicans voted against. The RSC budget would cut \$9.1 trillion over the follow 10 years. [H. Con. Res. 34, [Vote #275](#), 4/15/11; [The Hill](#), 4/08/11]

... The Republican Study Committee Budget would Raise the Social Security Retirement Age

According to [The Hill](#), the Republican Study Committee budget “shores up the solvency of Social Security by raising the retirement age to 70 by 2045.” [[The Hill](#), 4/08/11]

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Voted against Protecting Public Pensions

In 2005, Denham voted against legislation which mandated that state and local governments provide defined contribution plans for their employees. [California State Assembly Bill [310](#), Vote [8/30/05](#)]

Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Reduce Taxes on Top Earners and Corporation by 10 Percent*
- ✓ *Voted to Make the Bush Tax Cuts Permanent*
- ✓ *Voted Against Considering the Payroll Tax Extension Six Times*
- ✓ *Voted Against the Payroll Tax Extension Twice, Before Voting for It*
- ✓ *Signed the Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to Not Eliminate Tax Deductions*
- ✓ *Supported Collecting Sales Tax on Purchases Made Over the Internet*

Denham voted to reduce taxes on the top earners and corporations by 10 percent and to make the Bush Tax Cuts permanent. Denham also voted against considering the Payroll Tax Extension six times, voted against the Payroll Tax Extension twice, before voting for it. Denham supported California collecting sales tax on purchases made over the internet. Denham signed the Americans for Tax Reform pledge to not eliminate tax deductions. Denham also has high legislative scores from conservative tax groups like the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the California Taxpayers' Association.

Owed Merced County \$6,051 in Unpaid Taxes, Including Penalties – Paid Bill Late

On April 19, 2012, Denham owed Merced County \$6,051 in unpaid taxes, including penalties. The taxes covered property at Longview Avenue in Atwater, Calif. Denham paid the taxes shortly after being contacted by a McClatchy reporter.

Although he began renting a residency in Turlock last year following redistricting, Denham's Atwater property remained the basis for his campaign self-description as a Valley farmer.

Denham ran an ad attacking Democratic opponent Rusty Areias for racking up an unpaid \$144,000 property tax bill on his Los Banos, Calif., property. [McClatchy, [4/19/12](#)]

Denham's Ratings from the Taxpayer Associations

Year	Organization	Score
2010	Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	B 86.1%

2009	Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	A 93.9%
2008	California Taxpayers' Association - Positions	100%
2008	Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	B 87.5%
2007	California Taxpayers' Association - Positions	100%
2007	Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	A 98.1%
2006	California Taxpayers' Association - Positions	100%
2006	Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	A 96.9%
2005	California Taxpayers' Association - Positions	100%

[Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, accessed [12/19/11](#);
California Taxpayers Association, accessed [12/19/11](#)]

Voted to Reduce Taxes on Top Earners and Corporations by 10 percent

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which reduced the tax rate for top individual earners and corporations.

According to the Washington Post, “On taxes, Ryan's budget would consolidate brackets and lower tax rates; the top individual and corporate rates would drop to 25 percent.” [Washington Post, 4/05/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

Voted to Make the Bush Tax Cuts Permanent

In 2011, Denham voted for a Republican budget which assumed the Bush tax cuts would be made permanent.

According to the “Path to Prosperity,” the title given to the FY2012 budget written by Representative Budget Chairman Paul Ryan:

This budget starts with the proposition that first, Congress must do no harm. It assumes that Congress will not allow massive, across-the-board tax increases to hit the economy in 2013, when current law calls for the tax cuts that were enacted in 2001 and 2003 to expire. [Path to Prosperity, page 52, 4/05/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #277](#), 4/15/11]

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... That Protected Tax Breaks for Companies that Ship Jobs Overseas

With over 2,019,491 looking for work in California, Denham signed a pledge that protected tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas to places like India and China. [Bureau of Labor Statistics, [4/08/12](#)]

Even though 123,955 jobs have been lost in STATE to unfair trade deals like NAFTA, Denham signed a pledge that protected tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas to places like India and China.

Over 2,019,491 in California Were Unemployed as of January, 2012

As of January, 2012, 2,019,491 were unemployed in California. [Bureau of Labor Statistics, [4/08/12](#)]

NAFTA Cost California 123,955 Jobs

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the North American Free Trade Agreement has resulted in a net loss of 123,955 jobs for the state of California. [Economic Policy Institute, "NAFTA's Cautionary Tale," [7/20/05](#)]

President Obama Called for the Elimination of Tax Breaks for Companies that Create Jobs Overseas

On May 4, 2009, President Obama stated that his budget would end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. The President's proposal would accomplish this goal by stopping letting American companies that create jobs overseas to take deductions on their expenses when they do not pay any American taxes on their profits. [Obama Remarks, 5/04/09]

India and China Remain Top Outsourcing Destinations

In July 2009, Bloomberg Businessweek reported that India remains the world's top outsourcing destination for IT and back-office functions, with China close behind. [Bloomberg Businessweek, 7/10/09]

... That Protects Big Oil Profits While We Pay More at the Pump

Denham wants to let big oil companies keep reaping massive profits at our expense, while we pay more at the pump. He signed a pledge that protects tens of billions in special tax breaks for big oil companies, who also enjoy giant breaks on royalties from the government.

Regular Gallon of Gas in California Cost \$4.26

As of April 8th, 2012, a regular gallon of gas in California cost \$4.26. [AAA Fuel Gauge report]

ATR Opposed Bipartisan Gang of Ten Proposal to End Tax Loopholes Enjoyed by Oil Companies

In 2008, a group of bipartisan Senators proposed closing the tax loopholes enjoyed by oil companies, however the ATR stated that the Republicans who co-sponsored the proposal were violating the Pledge as it would increase the net income taxes on oil companies. [Chattanooga Times Free Press, 9/13/08]

ATR's specific complaint that the proposal repealed section 199 tax credits which ATR valued at 30 Billion Dollars.

From the ATR's Letter to Senate Co-Sponsors:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), I strongly urge you to oppose the compromise energy plan agreed to by the "Gang of Ten" on August 1, 2008.

We commend the Senate's bi-partisan attempt to solve the current energy crisis. However, the compromise plan proposed by the original "Gang of Ten" Senators contains several fatally flawed provisions

The most glaring of which is the repeal of IRS Sec. 199 which will raise taxes on American energy production by \$30 billion, and which by itself is a Taxpayer Protection Pledge violation. [Emphasis added; ATR Letter, 9/10/08]

Oil Companies Have Received Breaks on Royalties from Federal Government in Gulf of Mexico

In April 2010, the Houston Chronicle reported that the oil industry was opposing efforts to collect royalties on oil and natural gas produced in federal waters.

A 1995 law allowed the government to waive royalty payments that are usually required for oil and natural gas produced in federal waters, however the government has contended that it could resume collecting royalties if oil prices rose above certain thresholds, but Energy companies countered that royalties could resume only if a certain volume of production had been reached. [Houston Chronicle, 7/27/10]

Oil Companies Are Able to Reclassify Royalty Payments as Taxes Giving them a Break on American Taxes

In July 2010, the New York Times reported that since the 1950s which the State Department's backing oil companies have been able to reclassify the royalties charged by foreign governments to American oil drillers as taxes which entitled the companies to subtract those payments from their American tax bills. It is estimated that this practice will cost the US \$8.2 million over the next ten years.

From the New York Times:

Other tax breaks were born of international politics. In an attempt to deter Soviet influence in the Middle East in the 1950s, the State Department backed a Saudi Arabian accounting maneuver that reclassified the royalties charged by foreign governments to American oil drillers. Saudi Arabia and others began to treat some of the royalties as taxes, which

entitled the companies to subtract those payments from their American tax bills. Despite repeated attempts to forbid this accounting practice, companies continue to deduct the payments. The Treasury Department estimates that it will cost \$8.2 billion over the next decade. [[New York Times](#), 7/03/10]

... That Opposed Holding Big Oil Companies Accountable

Denham signed a pledge that opposed holding big oil companies accountable for contributing their fair share to clean up disastrous oil spills like the one in the Gulf, leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

ATR Opposed Plan to Increase Oil Spill Liability Fund Financing

On May 28, 2010, the House passed a bill which increased the taxes which oil companies must pay on a barrel of oil to increase funding to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, to pay for damages from major spills like the Gulf of Mexico disaster. [Associated Press, 5/29/10; AFP; 5/28/10]

When the bill made its way to the Senate, ATR wrote that supporting the legislation would be a violation of the pledge as it increased the taxes on a barrel of oil.

From ATR:

Americans for Tax Reform continues to oppose the tax extenders package in the US Senate. Besides the tax increase on a barrel of oil, the bill as a whole is a tax increase – both a marginal rate increase and an income tax increase, thus violating the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. [ATR, [6/22/10](#)]

Voted Against Considering Payroll Tax Cut Extension for Working Americans Six Times

In 2011, Denham voted against the consideration of a payroll tax cut extension for working Americans six times.

- ✓ Denham voted to order the previous question, preventing Democrats from considering the Payroll Tax Holiday Extension Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief for 2012. [Congressional Record, H7955-1957, 11/30/11]

The previous question passed 239-184. [H Res 477, [Vote #870](#), 11/30/11]

- ✓ Denham voted to order the previous question, preventing Democrats from considering the Payroll Tax Holiday Extension Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief for 2012, and the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2011, which extended unemployment benefits. [Congressional Record, H8151-8152, 12/06/11]

The previous question passed 236-184. [H Res 479, [Vote #889](#), 12/06/11]

- ✓ Denham voted to order the previous question, preventing Democrats from considering the Payroll Tax Holiday Extension Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief for 2012, and the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2011, which extended unemployment benefits. [Congressional Record, H8269-8270, 12/08/11]

The previous question passed 241-173. [H Res 487, [Vote #902](#), 12/08/11]

- ✓ Denham voted to order the previous question, preventing Democrats from considering an amendment in the nature of a substitute, which extended middle class tax relief, unemployment benefits, and the Medicare reimbursement doctor fix. [Congressional Record, H8756, 12/13/11]

The previous question passed 236-182. [H Res 491, [Vote #918](#), 12/13/11]

- ✓ Denham voted to order the previous question, preventing Democrats from considering the Middle Class Fairness and Putting America Back to Work Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief, unemployment benefits, and the Medicare reimbursement doctor fix. [Congressional Record, H8919, 12/14/11]

The previous question passed 235-173. [H Res 493, [Vote #925](#), 12/14/11]

- ✓ Denham voted to order the previous question, preventing Democrats from considering a bill passed by the Senate, which extended middle class tax relief, unemployment benefits, and the Medicare reimbursement doctor fix for two months. [Congressional Record, H9956-9958, 12/20/11]

The previous question passed 233-187. [H Res 502, [Vote #944](#), 12/20/11]

Voted Against Additional 1.1 Percent Payroll Tax Cut for Working Families

In 2011, Denham voted against an additional 1.1 percent payroll tax cut for working families.

The motion would have increased the employee payroll tax cut to 3.1 percent for 2012 from 2.0 percent. According to an analysis by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Tax Policy, expanding the tax cut to 3.1 percent would have been a "tax cut of about \$1,550 for the typical American working family in 2012" when compared to no extension of the payroll tax cut. [HR 3630, [Vote #922](#), 12/13/11; Congressional Record, H8820, 12/13/11; Office of Tax Policy – Treasury Department, [11/30/11](#); CQ House Action Report, HR 3630, 12/12/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [HR 3630, [Vote #922](#), 12/13/11]

Voted Against 3.6 Percent Surtax on Incomes over \$1 Million

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which would have imposed a 3.6 percent surtax on incomes over \$1 million.

The motion would have imposed a 3.6 percent surtax on incomes over \$1 million, which would be indexed to inflation beginning in 2012. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [HR 3630, [Vote #922](#), 12/13/11]

Voted for a Bipartisan Compromise on Payroll Tax Extension

In 2011, Denham voted for a bipartisan payroll tax extension compromise that would extend a \$1,000 tax cut to 160 million Americans. Instead of passing the Senate's bipartisan compromise, the motion to go to conference would have required further negotiations with the Senate.

"Even though Republicans and Democrats in the Senate were willing to compromise for the good of the country, a faction of Republicans in the House are refusing to even vote on the Senate bill -- a bill that cuts taxes for 160 million Americans," President Obama said.

The Senate compromise extended the payroll tax cut and unemployment insurance for two months.

The motion passed 229-193. [HR 3630, [Vote #946](#), 12/20/11; CBS News, [12/20/11](#); ABC News, [12/20/11](#)]

Said He Wanted Everything to Be Fully Paid for on Payroll Tax Extension

In 2012, on the payroll tax extension Denham said, "I think everything has got to be fully paid for. We can't afford to increase the debt more or rob more money out of Social Security." [Reuters, [1/13/12](#)]

Touted Republican Version of Payroll Tax Break Extension – Accused Senate of Inaction

In 2011, Denham touted the Republican version of the payroll tax break extension, which included provisions on the keystone pipeline and accused the Senate of inaction. Denham said he was focused on passing legislation to create jobs and touted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act – which passed payroll tax break extension and pushed for decision on Keystone pipeline. He accused the Senate of failing to act. "The House of Representatives has passed many pro-growth bills this year; unfortunately, Americans have not seen the effects many of these job-creating measures would have on their lives due to inaction in the Senate." [Op-ed, Rep. Denham, [The Hill](#), [12/16/11](#)]

Voted Against Penalizing Contractors Delinquent on Federal Taxes

In 2011, Denham voted against penalizing contractors who were delinquent on federal taxes.

The motion would have struck the language from the underlying bill and would have repealed the three percent withholding requirement for contractors on certain payments by government entities, except those who were delinquent on their federal taxes. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/27/11]

The bill failed 183-235. [HR 674, [Vote #814](#), 10/27/11]

Voted Against Repealing the Bush Tax Cuts

In 2011, Denham voted against legislation which eliminated the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts for those making more than \$250,000 a year.

The legislation allowed the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts to expire and maintained funding for low-income heating assistance and Community Development Block Grants and increased funding for food stamps and infrastructure. [CQ Floor Votes, [4/15/11](#); [The Hill](#), 4/13/11]

The bill failed 166-259. [H Con Res 34, [Vote #276](#), 4/15/11]

Voted to Protect Tax Breaks for Big Oil Companies

In March 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have repealed oil and gas production tax breaks for major integrated oil companies for the proposed two week period in the House budget continuing resolution.

Rep. William Keating, who offered the motion to recommit, said, “Our alternative is an alternative of sensible spending cuts. Let’s stop sending taxpayer money to the most profitable companies in the world.” [CQ Today, [3/01/11](#)]

The motion failed, 176-249. [HJR 44, [Vote #153](#), 3/01/11]

Denham Backed by Leaders Who Supported Billions in Tax Breaks for Big Oil

Denham is supported by the same Congressional leaders who supported billions in special tax breaks for big oil and whose leader wanted to let BP off the hook for the oil spill in the Gulf and make taxpayers foot the bill for environmental cleanup and economic damage.

Congressional Leaders Voted for Massive Energy Company Tax Breaks, Including \$2.6 Billion for Oil and Gas

In 2005, Eric Cantor and John Boehner voted in favor of \$14.6 billion in tax breaks and credits for energy companies as part of the Energy Policy Act. [HR 6, [Vote #445](#), 7/28/05]

Appearing before a House committee in April 2008, executives from the nation’s five largest oil companies were pressed to explain why they should continue to get billions of dollars in tax breaks when they made \$123 billion last year while motorists pay record prices at the gas pump. [[Associated Press](#), 4/01/08]

Energy Bill Included a \$2.6 Billion Tax Break for the Oil and Gas Industry

According to the [New York Times](#), the 2005 energy bill contained a \$2.6 billion tax break for companies producing, refining and distributing oil and gas. [[New York Times](#), 7/28/05]

Bush Signed Bill that Gave Tax Breaks to Big Oil

In 2005, President Bush signed the bill that gave over \$14 billion in tax cuts to energy companies, including \$2.6 billion to oil companies.

“Today, I have signed into law H.R. 6, the ‘Energy Policy Act of 2005.’ This legislation promotes dependable, affordable, and environmentally sound production and distribution of energy for

America's future," said the President. [White House, "President's Statement on Energy Policy Act of 2005," 8/08/05]

Supported Taxing Internet Purchases in California

In 2003, Denham voted in favor of SB 157, a bill which authorized California to join a multi-state effort to facilitate the collection of sales taxes on purchases made over the internet. [California State Senate Bill 157, Vote 9/10/03]

Terrorism and Homeland Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Funding to Defend Against Attacks on the Electrical Grid*
- ✓ *Voted for Major Cuts to the Department of Homeland Security*
- ✓ *Voted Against Improving Cell Phone Communication on the Border*
- ✓ *Voted to Fund for Library Activity Surveillance*
- ✓ *Voted Against Requiring PATRIOT Act Provisions to Comply with the Constitution*

Denham voted against funding to defend against attacks on the national electrical grid and voted for major cuts to the Department of Homeland Security. Denham also voted against improving cell phone communication on the border. Denham voted against prohibiting funding from going to library activity surveillance. Denham also voted against requiring the PATRIOT Act to comply with the Constitution.

Voted for Major Cuts to the Department of Homeland Security

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which contained major cuts to the Department of Homeland Security, including funding for first responders.

The appropriations bill funded the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2012. This budget was \$1.1 billion less than the amount appropriated in FY2010 and \$3 billion less than the amount requested by President Obama. The cuts impacted grants for local fire departments, which were originally cut by \$460 million but after a Democratic amendment were only cut \$140 million. The bill contained a \$2 billion cut for state and local aid funds from the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. There was also an amendment adopted which barred the TSA from using collective bargaining. [[Politico](#), [6/01/11](#), [6/02/11](#); [Washington Post](#), 6/03/11]

Even the Republican Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee Rep. Peter King voted against the bill saying:

“We know also from bin Laden’s own records that he is aiming at maritime, he is aiming at mass transit, and he is aiming at our major cities. Yet we are cutting each of those programs by 50 percent, a fifty percent cut. [...] And I just cannot see why, at a time when

the threat level is the highest it's been since September 11, that we are reducing Homeland Security grants by 50 percent. [Congressional Record, [6/01/11](#)]

The bill passed 231-188. [HR 2017, [Vote #409](#), 6/02/11]

Denham even voted against a motion which increased funding for state and local transportation and railroad security assistance grants by \$75 million.

The motion failed 187-234. [HR 2017, [Vote #408](#), 5/26/11]

Voted Against Funding to Defend Against Attacks on Electricity Delivery and Reliability Systems

In 2011, Denham voted against increasing funding to defend against attacks on the nation's electricity delivery and reliability systems.

The motion would have increased funding for "Energy Department expenses related to electricity delivery and energy reliability by \$5 million and funding for Defense-related Energy Department activities by \$2 million, offset by a decrease of \$7 million in funding for Energy Department administration." [CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/11]

The motion failed 182-232. [HR 2354, [Vote #599](#), 7/15/11]

Voted Against Improving Cell Phone Communication on the Border

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment to improve border security by increasing cell phone coverage on the border.

The bipartisan amendment used \$10 million to improve cell phone communication on the border, an idea originally belonging to Rep. Gabby Giffords. [[The Hill](#), [6/01/11](#)]

The amendment passed 327-93. [HR 2017, [Vote #387](#), 6/01/11]

Voted Against a 10 Percent Cut to the Department of Homeland Security's Funding

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment which would have cut the funding for the Department of Homeland Security, except US Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, by 10 percent.

According to [Politico](#), "Republicans, including the party leadership, were badly split on the proposed 10 percent reduction which would have come on top of \$1.1 billion already cut from current Homeland funding." [[Politico](#), [6/02/11](#); Congressional Record, [6/01/11](#)]

The amendment failed 110-312. [HR 2017, [Vote #402](#), 6/02/11]

Voted Against Increasing Funding for Customs and Border Security

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment which increased border security and customs funding by \$32 million in the Homeland Security Appropriations legislation.

The amendment would have increased the funding for customs and border security by \$32 million by transferring \$16 million from the Office of the Undersecretary for Management and another \$16 million from the Office of the Undersecretary for Science and Technology. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/01/11]

The amendment failed 162-256. [HR 2017, [Vote #388](#), 6/01/11]

Voted to Require Terrorism Suspects be Held in Military Custody

In 2011, Denham voted to require terrorism suspects to be held in military, not civilian, custody.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, [Vote #932](#), 12/14/11]

Voted to Prohibit Transferring Detainees Held at Guantanamo Bay Cuba to the United States for Trials

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill containing a policy rider which prohibited the use of funds to transfer or release Guantanamo detainees in the U.S.

The policy rider prohibited the use of funds for the transfer or release of Guantanamo detainees to the United States. The underlying bill was the final continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. [CQ BillAnalysis, [7/14/11](#); CQ Floor Votes, [4/14/11](#)]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, [Vote #268](#), 4/14/11]

NOTE: This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.

Voted Against a \$19 Million Cut to Defense Department Operations

In 2011, Denham voted against reducing funding for Defense Department operations and maintenance by \$18.75 million.

“If we cannot do this on defense...where can we do it?” asked Rep. Jeff Flake, the Arizona Republican who sponsored the amendment to cut \$19 million for commissions. [[Wall Street Journal](#), 2/16/11]

The amendment failed, 207-223. [HR 1, Flake amendment #370, [Vote #41](#), 2/15/11]

Voted Against Cutting Defense Department Research on Alternative Energies

In 2011, Denham voted against an amendment that would reduce funding for Defense Department procurement, research and innovation programs by \$115.5 million. The aim of reduced funding was for alternative energy research.

The amendment failed, 109-320. [HR 1, Pompeo amendment #86, [Vote #44](#), 2/15/11]

Voted to Extend Telecommunications Provisions of the PATRIOT Act

In 2011, Denham voted to extend, through June 1, 2015, provisions of the PATRIOT Act.

The motion to concur extended three provisions of the PATRIOT Act until June 1, 2015. According to the [Washington Post](#), under the bill, “investigators can obtain court orders to follow suspected terrorists with ‘roving wiretaps’ that cover multiple phone numbers and carriers. They also will extend provisions that allow investigators to seize customer records for suspected terrorists.” [[Washington Post](#), 5/27/11]

The motion to concur passed 250-153. [S 990, [Vote #376](#), 5/26/11]

Voted to Allow for Library Activity Surveillance

In 2011, Denham voted against prohibiting funds in the Republicans’ continuing resolution to be used under a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) order requiring the production of library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales or book customer lists.

The amendment was rejected, 196-231. [HR 1, Nadler amendment #524, [Vote #95](#), 2/18/11]

Voted Against Requiring PATRIOT Act Provisions Comply with Constitution

In 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have added language to the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 that would ensure complete compliance with the U.S. Constitution relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers and roving wiretaps.

In addition, it would require expedited review of federal civil proceedings for any allegations of violations of such rights.

The measure failed, 186-234. [HR 514, [Vote #35](#), 2/14/11]

Trade Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted for the South Korea, Panama, and Colombian Free Trade Agreements*
- ✓ *Voted Against Protections from Unfair Chinese Currency Manipulation*

Denham voted for the South Korea, Panama, and Colombian Free Trade Agreements. Denham also voted against protections from unfair Chinese currency manipulation.

Voted to implement the South Korea Trade Agreement

In 2011, Denham voted to implement the South Korea Trade Agreement.

The bill implemented the South Korea Trade Agreement which “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and reduce[d] tariffs on U.S. autos exported to South Korea”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said there were no guarantees the deal with South Korea would boost U.S. auto exports. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 278-151. [HR 3080, [Vote #783](#), 10/12/11]

Voted to Implement the Panama Trade Agreement

In 2011, Denham voted to implement the Panama Trade Agreement.

The bill implemented the Panama Trade Agreement which “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and require[d] Panama to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said it would take away legal tools used to fight tax evasion and money laundering. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 300-129. [HR 3079, [Vote #782](#), 10/12/11]

Voted to Implement the Colombia Trade Agreement

In 2011, Denham voted to implement the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

The agreement “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and require[d] Colombia to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said it failed to crack down on violence against union activists. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 262-167. [HR 3078, [Vote #781](#), 10/12/11]

Voted Against Protections from Unfair Chinese Currency Manipulation

In 2011, Denham voted against a bipartisan effort to crack down on unfair Chinese currency manipulations that cost American jobs.

The motion would have added the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act to the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act. The motion would have allowed the U.S. government to impose tariffs on goods produced in countries that “fundamentally” undervalue their currencies. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

According to the Economic Policy Institute, “If only China revalued [their currency] by 28.5%, the growth in U.S. GDP would support 1,631,000 U.S. jobs.” That revaluation of the yuan/dollar exchange rate by China alone would increase U.S. GDP by \$207 billion dollars in 18 to 24 months. [Economic Policy Institute, [6/17/11](#)]

The motion failed 192-236. [HR 3078, [Vote #780](#), 10/12/11]

Allowed Government Contracts with Companies Shipping American Jobs Overseas

In January 2011, Denham voted against a motion that would not allow government spending on contracts with companies determined to have outsourced American jobs abroad.

The motion to recommit required the Rules Committee to report an amendment that would specify that, when the House Budget Committee chairman set a discretionary spending limit for the remainder of fiscal 2011, no spending would be allocated for a contract with a company the Labor secretary determined to have shipped jobs abroad. [CQ Today, 1/25/11]

The motion failed, 184-242. [H Res 38, [Vote #19](#), 1/25/11]

Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted to Cut Funding for the Essential Air Service*
- ✓ *Voted to Take Funds Away from California High Speed Rail and Invest Them in California Route 99 Instead*
- ✓ *Said California Did Not Want High Speed Rail in its State*
- ✓ *Questioned Building High Speed Rail*

Denham voted to cut funding for the Essential Air Service. Denham's position on high speed rail in California has changed from him supporting it to him questioning and even authoring legislation to take funds away from the project. He has been an out spoken critic of the way the high speed rail project has been managed and the increased cost.

Voted to Cut Funding for 13 Airports that Receive Essential Air Service Funds

In 2011, Denham voted to cut funding for 13 airports that were either receiving subsidies of more than \$1,000 dollars per passenger or were closer than 90 miles to a major hub airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization allowed the FAA to continue operating but cut funding for 13 rural airports, some of which were closer than 90 miles to the nearest major hub airport and which received subsidies of more than \$1,000 per passenger. Cutting these subsidies would have saved \$16.5 million. [[New York Times](#), 7/23/11]

According to the [Associated Press](#): "The 13 affected cities are Athens, Ga.; Morgantown, W.Va.; Glendive, Mont.; Alamogordo, N.M.; Ely, Nev.; Jamestown, N.Y.; Bradford, Pa.; Hagerstown, Md.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Johnstown, Pa.; Franklin/Oil City, Pa.; Lancaster, Pa., and Jackson, Tenn." [[Associated Press](#), 7/20/11]

The bill passed 243-177. [HR 2553, [Vote #611](#), 7/20/11]

Voted to Eliminate Critical Funding for Rural Airports

In 2011, Denham voted for a bill which reduced funding levels for the FAA and ended the Essential Air Service (EAS) program which provides critical funding for rural airports (except in Alaska and Hawaii).

The legislation would end the EAS program on October 1st, 2013 (except in Hawaii and Alaska). In 2010 the EAS program served about 150 rural communities across the country. According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS) four communities in the state would be impacted by the termination of the EAS program. [CRS Report, [R41666](#), 3/03/11; CQ BillAnalysis, [6/07/11](#)]

The bill passed 223-196. [HR 658, [Vote #220](#), 3/29/11]

Coauthored a Bill to Take Funds Away From the California High Speed Rail Project

In 2011, Denham coauthored legislation with Representatives Nunes and McCarthy which would divert funding from the California High Speed Rail Project to make improvements on State Route 99. The Representatives cite “ever-escalating costs” and poor management of the California High Speed Rail Project as their reasons for want to divert the funding. [Nunes Congressional Press Release, 2/17/11]

... Could be Considered an Earmark, Which Denham Opposes

In 2011, the [Modesto Bee](#) suggested that this bill could be considered an earmark because it would use federal funds for a specific state project. Denham signed the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Political Action Committee’s ‘No Earmarks Pledge’ and said that standing against earmarks “seems like a very simple thing to do, but in the larger picture nationwide it is huge to controlling our debt”. [[Modesto Bee](#), 3/14/11, CCAGWPAC.org/Businesswire, 9/20/10; MyMotherLode.com, 5/12/10]

... Wrote an Op-Ed about California High Speed Rail

In 2011, Denham wrote an Op-Ed in the [Modesto Bee](#) where he talks about how he has “supported the concept of HSR [high speed rail] in California”. Denham goes on to call the High Speed Rail an “example of runaway government spending with no results”. [[Modesto Bee](#), 3/15/11]

Said that California did not want High Speed Rail in its State

In February 2011, Denham spoke before the 7th Annual Farm Bureau Regional Conference where he is quoted as saying “If it’s not on time, it’s not on budget, if it’s not off our ag land, we don’t need it [...] other states have said enough is enough. We don’t want it in our state and California continues to be a money grab for our high speed rail.” [[San Francisco Examiner](#), 3/05/11]

Claimed Top Railroad Regulator Misled Congress on California Rail Project Facing Ballooning Price Tag

In 2012, Denham released a letter from California’s top legislative analyst to Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph Szabo saying the he did not represent the facts to Congress. A panel sponsored by the California legislature on Jan. 3 recommended the state not proceed with the sale of \$2.7 billion in bonds to start building the 800-mile network, now projected to cost \$98.5 billion. Denham accused the top U.S. railroad regulator of misleading Congress to promote California’s high-speed train network, which President Barack Obama’s administration supports as cost estimates escalate.

“This is one more example of how the administration wants this project at any cost,” Denham said in a news release on his website. “What else does the FRA know that they are hiding from taxpayers?” [Bloomberg, [1/5/12](#)]

Concerned Over California Rail Project Approved By Voters Due To Cost Over-Runs

In 2011, Denham voiced his concern over the California high-speed rail project. The project saw its and construction time projections increase dramatically compared the proposal California voters approved. “The California High-Speed Rail project has spun so drastically out of control even California voters are questioning its viability,” Denham said in a news release. “The project is so far from the original proposal that according to a report from the Legislative Analyst’s Office, the business plan does not even meet important requirements of the ballot initiative approved by California voters.” [Merced Sun-Star, [12/15/11](#)]

Denham Questioned Building California High Speed Rail

In 2002, at a debate for the California 12th Senate District, Denham suggested that there need to be tough cuts made and “questioned the wisdom of building a high-speed rail system”. [Modesto Bee, 9/27/02]

Denham Disappointed Davis Vetoed High Speed Rail

In 2002, Denham said he supported “building a high-speed train in California and was disappointed that Davis vetoed the bill.” [The Merced Sun-Star, 10/16/02]

Voted for High Speed Rail Bill in 2008

In 2008, Denham voted for a high speed rail bill, AB 3034. According to the Fresno Bee:

Several Republican senators who've been among the most vocal critics of high-speed rail -- Roy Ashburn, Jeff Denham and Dave Cogdill -- voted to move AB 3034 along. We have long been puzzled by their indifference or outright opposition to a project that would benefit the Valley more than it would any other part of the state. Perhaps they've come around. [California State Senate Bill [3034](#), Vote [8/07/08](#); Fresno Bee, 8/08/08]

Introduced and then Withdrew an Amendment to Restrict Funds for California’s High Speed Rail

In 2011, Denham introduced and then withdrew an amendment to restrict federal funds for California’s high-speed rail. Denham withdrew the amendment after securing a commitment from the Chairman of the Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, Rep. Bill Shuster, for better oversight of the project. [Denham Press Release, 2/16/11]

Advocated for Taking Back Grants for California High-Speed Rail

In 2011, Denham advocated for taking back the grants for the California High-Speed Rail Authority to be used instead for highway construction. The California High-Speed Rail Authority has finalized an agreement to secure the nearly \$1 billion in federal funds needed to begin construction on the Central Valley segment of the planned statewide 220-mile-per-hour train system. The five year construction

project was expected to employ 100,000 people and commence near Fresno in fall 2012. By the time construction on the \$98.5 billion railway is completed in 2040, more than 1 million jobs will be created, planners say. A further 450,000 jobs will be created by the economic activity generated by the high-speed rail network.

However, critics questioned the cost, which ballooned from an initial \$35.7 billion estimate to \$98.5 billion. The plan relied on federal funding – slashed from the 2012 federal budget by the Republican-led House. Although the plan did not rely on funding in 2012, the project could be in jeopardy in the coming years should funding not be restored. [Turlock Journal, [11/25/11](#)]

... Although He Previously Supported the Rail Project, Denham Led Case Against Bullet Train

In 2011, Denham led the case against the bullet train in California, although he previously supported the project. Republican leaders in Congress attempted to claw back as much as \$3.3 billion in federal grants already approved for the start of construction. The House majority whip, who have argued the project is deeply flawed and has become unaffordable as the cost has spiraled to \$98.5 billion.

Denham, a subcommittee chairman on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said he believed of the project's grants can be rescinded by Congress and should be reallocated to highway construction in the Central Valley. Republican staffers were working to take back the bullet train money, which they said has not been spent or put under contract. "We can't afford it when we have a \$15-trillion debt that continues to grow and California is broke," Denham said. "The cost of it continues to balloon out of control with no private investors willing to put money into it." Denham once voted for the bullet train as a state senator but now says the program's worsening outlook makes it a "bait and switch." [LA Times, [11/23/11](#)]

... Denham Requested Audit of California High-Speed Rail Project

In 2011, Denham and 11 other Republicans sent a letter to the Government Accountability Office to investigate the project's viability. [The Bakersfield Californian, [12/20/11](#)]

Veterans' and Military Personnel Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Voted Against Millions of Dollars in Additional Funding for Suicide Prevention and PTSD for Veterans*
- ✓ *Voted to Protect His Own Pay, But Not the Pay Of the Troops During a Government Shutdown*
- ✓ *Voted for an amendment which would make it harder for low-income veterans to sue the United States for benefits.*
- ✓ *Has Been Named VFW and AMVET "Legislator of the Year" in the California State Senate*
- ✓ *Served as the Chair of the California State Senate Veterans Committee and was Named to the U.S. House Veterans Committee in 2011*
- ✓ *Served for 16 years in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves*
- ✓ *Voted to Shutdown an Emergency Mortgage Relief Program which helped distressed homeowners*
- ✓ *Voted Against Protecting Veterans and Active Service Members Seeking Help under Emergency Mortgage Relief Programs*

Denham is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve. Denham Voted against millions of dollars in additional funding for suicide prevention and PTSD for veterans. Denham also voted to protect his own pay but not the pay of the troops during a government shutdown. Denham was named a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and AMVET "Legislator of the Year" as a state Senator. Denham was appointed the Chairman of the California State Senate Veterans Committee; he was named to the U.S. House Veterans Committee in 2011. Denham voted for an amendment which cut funding for legal fees paid under the Equal Access to Justice Act, which helps low-income veterans and Social Security Recipients retain counsel for civil actions against the United States which could be used to help fight for their benefits. Denham voted to shut down an emergency mortgage relief program which helped distressed homeowners facing foreclosure. Denham also

voted against a motion to recommit which would have protected the emergency mortgage relief program for veterans and active service members.

Voted Against Millions in Additional Funding for Suicide Prevention and PTSD for Veterans

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which would have provided an additional \$20 million for veterans' medical service to help with post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide prevention.

According to the Watertown Daily Times, "Rep. Bill Owens offered an amendment to a military appropriations bill in the House of Representatives that would increase spending on veterans' mental health services by \$20 million." The \$20 million would be put towards better advertising the suicide prevention assistance and services offered to veterans. [Watertown Daily Times, [6/14/11](#); CQ Floor Vote, 6/14/11]

The motion failed 184-234. [HR 2055, [Vote #417](#), 6/14/11]

Voted to Protect His Own Pay...

In 2011, Denham voted against a measure that would have struck all of the provisions in the bill and would have prohibited Members of Congress and the President from receiving basic pay for any period in which there is more than a 24-hour lapse in appropriations. The measure would have also have prohibited the Members and President from receiving retroactive pay. The measure failed 188-237. [HR 1255, [Vote #223](#), 4/01/11]

...But Not That of Soldiers

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion to recommit which would have ensured that Service Members would have gotten paid in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion would have added a new section to the bill providing that the salaries of the members of the armed forces would not be interrupted in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion failed 191-236. [HR 1363, [Vote #246](#), 4/07/11]

NOTE: According to the 27th amendment Congress can't change its pay scale prior to an election. The motion would technically violate the Constitution if they were to change the amount that a Representative was to receive. [Fox News, [4/01/11](#)]

Co-Sponsored Veteran's Work Bill

In 2011, it was reported that Denham co-sponsored legislation to provide education, job training, protections, and eliminate roadblocks for veterans seeking employment.

"We all know the economic crisis facing our country and how hard it is to find work; the same is true for our Veterans. Many times the struggles of our service members are forgotten and we need to empower them to use the skills they have to get jobs," Denham said. [Merced Sun-Star, [10/12/11](#)]

At Closed Door Veterans Forum Denham Said Helping Veterans Find Work was Top Priority

In 2011, it was reported that Denham met with Veterans in a roundtable discussion that was closed to the general public and media. Rising unemployment among Veterans was a prominent topic in the discussion, and Denham said ensuring that returning Veterans can find work was a top priority.

“A lot of the concerns had to do with the length of time that many of these Veterans are waiting to get their claims heard or adjusted,” said Denham. “We’ve got a real challenge on our hands, not only to fix the issues from the Vietnam era, but also with a huge number of Veterans coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, we need to make sure that this is done right and expediently right now.” [My Mother Lode, [10/18/11](#)]

Advocated for Expediting a New Veterans Administration Medical Facility in San Joaquin County

In 2011, Denham joined with Representatives Cardoza and McNerney to send a letter to President Obama advocating for expediting a new veterans administration medical facility in San Joaquin County. [[The Record](#), 12/21/11]

Voted for a Pay Raise for Military Personnel

In 2011, Denham voted for a 1.6 percent pay raise for military personnel, contained in the fiscal year 2012 defense authorization bill.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, [Vote #932](#), 12/14/11]

Introduced Legislation to Streamline Licensure and Certification for Veterans

In 2012, Denham introduced legislation which streamlined the licensure and certification for veterans for private sector jobs.

The bill, according to Denham’s press release, “directs the head of each federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for federal license”. The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars support the bill. [[The Merced Sun-Star](#), 3/8/12]

... Said He was Advocating for More Government Efficiency for Services for Veterans

In 2012, Denham said he advocated for more efficiency in the federal government’s dealings with veterans. He said he wanted to waive certification requirements for veterans for careers such as truck driving.

He also said in the wake of a federal proposal to cut \$480 billion in military spending, he said he wanted to lean on the expertise of Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who he said he knows well. [[Patterson Irrigator](#), [1/11/12](#)]

Voted to Allow Airlines to Charge Baggage Fees to Military Personnel on Orders

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion to recommit which prohibited airlines from charging baggage fees to military personnel who are on orders.

The motion prohibited airlines from charging baggage fees for four or fewer bags for members of the military travelling on orders or being deployed or returning from overseas operations.

The motion failed 187-233. [HR 2553, [Vote #610](#), 7/20/11]

Voted Against Increased Funding for the Yellow Ribbon Program by \$200 million

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which increased funding for the Yellow Ribbon Program by \$200 million.

The motion increased funding for the Yellow Ribbon Program by \$200 million dollars. “The Yellow Ribbon Program is a Department of Defense-wide effort to support National Guard and Reserve service member families with information on benefits and referrals before, during, and after deployments.”

[Yellow Ribbon Program, Accessed [9/29/11](#)]

The motion failed 188-234. [HR 2219, [Vote #531](#), 7/08/11]

Voted Against Increasing Combat Pay for Troops

In 2011, Denham voted against a motion which would increase combat pay for troops.

The motion increased the maximum amount of bonus pay troops receive while in combat to \$325 per month effective October 1, 2011. [CQ Floor Votes, [5/26/11](#)]

The motion failed 185-233. [HR 1540, [Vote #374](#), 5/26/11]

Voted Against a Motion to Recommit that would have Provided Pay to Service Members during a Government Shutdown

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The motion would have added a new section to the bill providing that the salaries of the members of the armed forces would not be interrupted in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion failed 191-236. [HR 1363, [Vote #246](#), 4/07/11]

Voted to Make Benefits for Seniors and Veterans Harder to Get

In 2011, Denham voted for an amendment that would make it harder for low-income veterans and Social Security recipients to retain counsel in a civil action against the United States, like when fighting for benefits.

The Lummis amendment imposed a seven-month moratorium on all legal fees paid under the Equal Access to Justice Act, a Reagan-era law designed to help people afford an attorney while suing the government.

“We’re in the middle of two wars right now and to make it harder for a veteran — fighting for his benefits — to have an attorney is a horrible thing. That’s not what this country is about,” Robert Chishold, a prominent veterans’ law attorney said. [[Politico](#), 2/23/11]

The amendment passed, 232-197. [HR 1, Lummis amendment #195, Vote #85, [2/17/11](#)]

Voted to Shut Down Emergency Mortgage Relief Program

In 2011, Denham voted to shut down a program that provided emergency loans to unemployed homeowners facing foreclosure. The legislation would end the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program and rescind the unobligated funds.

The White House said it would veto the bill, saying that the program was needed to spur a housing recovery. The White House argued that that the loan assistance could help as many as 30,000 distressed homeowners. The CBO estimated that the program would cost \$840 million over 10 years. [CQ Today, 3/11/11]

The bill passed, 242-177. [HR 836, [Vote #174](#), 3/11/11]

Voted Against Even Protecting Veterans and Active Service Members

Before considering terminating the emergency relief program, Denham voted against a measure that would have protected veterans and active service members from foreclosures.

The measure required the Secretary of HUD in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to determine the amount necessary to provide assistance under the Emergency Housing Act of 1975 to homeowners who are veterans or members of the Armed Forces on active duty. It would also authorize Congress to appropriate this amount of assistance to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program.

The motion failed, 182-238. [HR 836, [Vote #173](#), 3/11/11]

Denham Served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves for 16 years

Denham served in the Air Force from 1984-1988 and in the Air Force Reserve from 1988-2000. According to [The Modesto Bee](#), Denham “was a crew chief in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991. He worked on aircraft participating in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia in 1992 and 1993.” Denham prepared and maintained “aircrafts such as the F-4 fighter jet and the C-5 transport plane. [[The Modesto Bee](#), 10/20/02; National Journal, 11/03/10]

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Sponsored Legislation to Improve Veterans’ Services Efficiency

In 2011, Denham sponsored legislation which attempted to improve efficacy in veterans’ services. [Thomas.loc.gov, H.R. 3245, accessed 11/29/11]

Denham Serves on the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Committee

In 2010, Denham was appointed to serve the House Veterans’ Affairs Committees. [Fresno Bee, 12/19/10]

Named Veterans of Foreign Wars “Legislator of the Year” for 2010

In 2010, Denham was named the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) “Legislator of the Year” for his work on veterans issues and bills he sponsored in the state senate to help veterans. [Denham Press Release, 4/20/10]

Named AMVETS “Legislator of the Year” for 2009

In 2009, Denham was named the American Veterans (AMVETS), Department of California’s “Legislator of the Year” for 2009. Denham was the chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and an Air Force Veteran. [Denham Press Release, 11/20/09]

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Honored by the Disabled Veteran Business Alliance

In 2009, Denham was honored as a “Freedom Fighter” by the California Disabled Veteran Business Alliance. [Denham Press Release, 5/19/09]

Introduced a “Jobs for Veterans” Legislative Package

In 2009, Denham introduced a group of six bills he dubbed his “Jobs for Veterans” legislative package. These bills were targeted to help disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBES), job training, GI bill expansion, and National Guard student aid eligibility. [Denham Press Release, 2/27/09]

Denham was Chair of the California State Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Appointed by a Democrat

In 2009, Denham was made chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee by Senate Democrats. He was appointed to serve on the Senate Appropriations, Budget and Fiscal Review, and Governmental Organization Committees; he was also removed from the, newly renamed, Food and Agriculture Committee. The release points out that Denham is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion.
[Denham Press Release, 1/13/09]

Authored Legislation on Gold Star License Plates

In 2007, Denham introduced legislation in the California state senate which would make special license plates to honor those killed on active duty to the U.S. The plates would be made available to family members of the deceased. [Modesto Bee, 2/27/07]

... Gold Star License Plates Law Signed

In 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 1455, the Gold Star Family License Plate legislation, into law. SB 1455 was coauthored by Jeff Denham. SB 1455 allows family members to buy a special license plate to commemorate a loved one lost in combat. [Denham Press Release, 9/26/08]

Appendix I – Paid Media History

2012 Cycle

Anti-Denham

2011 11.04 DCCC Radio Ad One Year to Election Day Denham Ad (no audio)

http://dccc.org/blog/entry/one_year_to_election_day_dccc_launches_drive_for_25_radio_ad_to_hold_rep_ubl/

Radio Ad:

Narrator: Congressman Jeff Denham is part of the problem in Washington. Protecting tax breaks for billionaires instead of Medicare for seniors and jobs for us. Tell Congressman Denham to fight for California.

2011 11.30 DCCC Super Committee Republican Priorities - Denham

http://dccc.org/blog/entry/dccc_launches_new_campaign_on_republican_budget_priorities_after_super_comm/

Phone Call:

Hi, this is Lauren calling on behalf of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee calling about Congressman Jeff Denham's and Republicans forcing the Super Committee to fail. Americans demanded a bipartisan, big, bold, and balanced plan to reduce the deficit and grow our economy – but that's not what we got. The Super Committee failed because Republicans insisted on extending the Bush tax breaks for millionaires and refusing to include a jobs proposal – while ending the Medicare guarantee! That's something that Democrats stand strongly against. By rejecting a balanced approach, Republicans chose to protect the wealthiest one percent at the expense of seniors and the middle class. Please call Congressman Denham at (559) 449-2490 and tell him it's time to focus on us.

2011 08.04 DCCC Accountability August – Millionaires over Medicare – Denham (no audio)

http://www.dccc.org/blog/entry/dccc_launches_accountability_august_republicans_choosing_millionaires_over/

An example of the radio ad to be run in Representative Charlie Bass's (NH-02) district follows:

"Congressman Charlie Bass voted to end Medicare forcing seniors to pay more to protect tax breaks for Big Oil and millionaires. Tell Bass stop choosing millionaires over seniors"

An example of an automated phone call in Representative Sean Duffy (WI-07) district follows:

"Hi, this is Clare from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee calling about Congressman Sean Duffy's vote to end Medicare in order to protect millionaires.

"You've paid into Medicare and deserve the Medicare benefits you've earned. But while you're paying \$6,400 more for your health care, Big Oil and millionaires will get big tax breaks. That's not right.

"Everyone agrees we must cut spending and tighten our belt, but Duffy has made the wrong choice.

"Please call Congressman Duffy at (715) 298-9344 and tell him to keep his hands off our Medicare!"

2010 Cycle – GOP Primary

Anti-Denham

2010 05.06 Richard Pombo Attacks Jeff Denham - Sold Out

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YsGoSJQbf4>

Richard Pombo: I'm Richard Pombo and I approved this message.

Narrator: Conservative Richard Pombo is best known for defending our way of life against environmental extremists. But his opponent Jeff Denham, according to the Wall Street Journal, is best known for helping Democrats pass their rich budgets. Endorsed by the state teacher's union Denham was call the Democrat's go to guy for votes and was rewarded with a coveted committee chairmanship. If Jeff Denham sold us out then, how can we trust him now?

Pro-Denham

2010 04.08 Denham for Congress – Trophy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7lPHYyITeU>

Narrator: Our congressman is retiring, thank you for your service and for getting Jeff Denham to continue your work. Jeff Denham is a valley farmer, a successful businessman, a conservative leader and a proud veteran tested under fire. His commitment to serve is stronger than ever. He signed the pledge to stop congressional earmarks and wasteful spending and wants real transparency to stop the Obama Pelosi backroom deals.

Denham: "I'm Jeff Denham and I approved this message."

2010 03.05 Denham for Congress – Vine

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgQ-AsRLBoo&feature=endscreen&NR=1>

Denham: "I'm Jeff Denham and I approved this message."

George Radanovich: It's great to be back in the valley, you know my decision to retire from congress was made a lot easier after Jeff Denham said yes when I asked him to run. Jeff's a farmer, veteran, businessman and citizen legislator. As conservatives we both believe in smaller government with more power to tax payers, values that made our country great. I'm proud to call Jeff Denham my friend and soon we'll all be calling him our congressman.

Third Party "Not Political"

2010 05.03 - Remember the Brave TV Ad - Aired During 2010 Republican Primary

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7spBGE45SQ>

Narrator: Join country superstar Phil Vassar for a one night benefit concert.

Denham (to camera): As a veteran, I know the sacrifices of our service men and women. A sacrifice shared by their loved ones who pray for their safe return, but some don't make it, their families then become gold star families.

Narrator: Join Phil Vassar at the "Remember the Brave" benefit concert. Visit ticketmaster.com for your tickets today.

Denham (to camera): If you can't make it go to rememberthebrave.com to learn more.

Denham Anti-Pombo

2010 05.17 Denham For Congress - Anti-Pombo Bumper

<http://youtu.be/lrMhqPQcO74>

“Reporter”: I’m here waiting to ask Richard Pombo why he charged tax payers for his luxury RV vacation to the national parks. First he said it was a family vacation then it said it was congressional research. Oh I think I see him coming now. Mr. Pombo, why did you charge tax payers for your family vacation? Will you answer Mr. Pombo? Our viewers want to hear your answer. Now we know what Richard Pombo thinks of us.

Denham: “I’m Jeff Denham and I approved this message.”

2007-2008 Recall

Anti-Denham

2008 04.03 RecallJeffDenham - We Deserve Better. Yes on the Recall of Jeff Denham

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byAc00jKnYA>

Narrator: We sent Jeff Denham to Sacramento, so how did he wind up with jet lag? He spent thousands on travel while the Senate was in session, airline tickets, trips to Vegas, and a Sedona spa. When he does show up he’s sleep walking. Denham held up the budget hurting our schools. Denham said he wasn’t taking raises, then secretly raised his pay by 20 percent. The Fresno Bee called it “... not quite honest.” Don’t you deserve better? Vote yes on the recall.

2008 05.01 RecallJeffDenham - Teacher TV Ad

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8sA-1wD38w>

“Teacher”: With our schools facing cuts Jeff Denham said it was wrong for politicians to raise their pay. Teachers agreed, how can politicians take more, when our schools are getting less. But Denham took the raises the politicians didn’t deserve, he secretly cancelled his pay cut and started collecting a 12 percent pay raise, then he did it again, another secret pay raise, during the budget crisis. Jeff Denham still has a lot to learn. Don’t we deserve better? Vote yes on the recall.

2008 04.03 RecallJeffDenham – Jet Lag Radio Ad

<http://www.calitics.com/showDiary.do?sessionId=001BD1DF6FF888563C4B3C587D2F58F1?diaryId=5510>

WOMAN: The MGM grand? Sedona?

I thought we sent Jeff Denham to Sacramento.

MAN: Wait a minute. The MGM is in Vegas.

WOMAN: Well, Denham has been racking up the frequent flier miles.

MAN: To Vegas and Sedona?

WOMAN: uh hm -- to the number one "Destination Spa." www.enchantmentresort.com

MAN: Sounds like a free vacation.

WOMAN: More like a recipe for jetlag. When Denham finally makes it to Sacramento, he's practically sleepwalking.

MAN: What do you mean?

WOMAN: He held up the budget, hurting our schools. And remember how he said he wouldn't take pay raises?

MAN: Oh, you don't mean --

WOMAN: You guessed it. Denham secretly raised his pay - three times - when he thought no one was

looking. The Fresno Bee called it "not quite honest."

MAN: Well that's an understatement.

WOMAN: And that's why I'm voting yes on the recall. After all, don't we deserve better?

NOTE: There were two letters sent to the State Controller, John Chiang, from Jeff Denham regarding his pay. In the first letter Denham rescinded a voluntary pay decrease and accepted a pay increase, in the second he accepted an additional pay increase.

Pro-Denham

2008 05.06 Jeff Denham Fighting to Balance the Budget for California

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1RITrElXvw>

Narrator: Senator Jeff Denham, he's fighting to balance the budget, restore accountability, and protect California's teacher tax credit. The Denham Amendment would also provide emergency funding to keep our schools, nursing homes, and hospitals open during a budget crisis.\

Denham: I'm Jeff Denham, I didn't come to Sacramento to let politicians hold our schools hostage, I came to make a difference.

Narrator: If you'd like to help visit JoinWithJeff.com

2008 05.06 Join with Jeff - No on recall

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUfsNLIU3Nw&feature=endscreen&NR=1>

Bill Jones, Frmr. California Secretary of State: The recall was launched against Senator Jeff Denham for one reason only, he refused to vote for a budget billions out of balance but then the non-partisan legislative analysts proved him right forecasting an additional 10 billion in red ink local newspapers labeled this recall an "abuse of the ballot box", "a sham", "petty politics", "unjustified", saying this recall is "just plain wrong". I agree, vote no on the recall.

2008 05.05 Join with Jeff – Democrats Speak Out Against the Recall

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=nkbCOsclvKo>

Narrator: Democrats speak out about the recall...

John Lazar, Mayor of Turlock: As a former chair of the Stanislaus County Democratic Central Committee, I'm very, very disappointed in our state party for involving themselves in something so frivolous.

Dave Lopez, Modesto Councilman: It's not about parties; it's about the man whose representing the valley.

Jerry O'Banion, Merced County Supervisor: I do not believe that this recall situation should occur.

John Lazar, Mayor of Turlock: I'm very disappointed in those power brokers in Sacramento for trying to tell us who we can and can't have as our representative.

Narrator: Stop the power grab, no on the recall.

2008 05.08 Join with Jeff – Community Leaders – No on the Recall

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4Om03pt2Vw&feature=related>

Narrator: Communities leaders speak out against the Recall...

John Lazar, Mayor of Turlock: It's unfair to single out one individual senator for voting his conscience on a flawed state budget.

Joy Madison, Executive Director, Modesto Chamber of Commerce: He was doing what he said he was going to do, what he promised all the voters.

Dave Lopez, Modesto Councilman: And you gotta stand by a man with character like that.

Kurt Vander Weide, Turlock City Council Member: I think this could be accurately described as a special interest power grab.

Joy Madison, Executive Director, Modesto Chamber of Commerce: It is blackmail.

Jerry O'Banion, Merced County Supervisor: I do believe that it is an abuse.

Kurt Vander Weide, Turlock City Council Member: It's reprehensible.

Dave Lopez, Modesto Councilman: I think the recall is an abuse of the process.

Narrator: Stop the power grab, no on the recall.

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ Accepted Campaign Contributions from Harris Farms, and its Owner, who was Sued in 2002 for Retaliating Against an Employee who was Rape by her Supervisor
- ✓ Made Questionable Campaign Contributions During 2010 Republican Primary, Republicans Filed Complaint with FEC, Investigation Dismissed because of Political Deadlock on FEC
- ✓ Threw a Fundraiser in DC that Cost \$212,250 and only raised \$212,900, Netting a Total of \$650
- ✓ Took Potentially Illegal Plane Ride with Karl Rove on Harris Farms' Corporate Jet
- ✓ Took Funds from the Kern County Republican Central Committee in 2002 that the Kern County Republican Central Committee had to pay a fine for Violating Campaign Finance Laws

Threw a Fundraising Party before Being Sworn In

In 2011, Denham, with the New Majority PAC, threw a fundraising party featuring LeAnn Rimes as a welcome party for the incoming freshman class. Denham invited members of the press to W Hotel in Washington, D.C. prior to the party to answer questions about the fundraiser. [Politico.com, 1/04/11; Los Angeles Times, 1/05/11]

... Originally Reported as Having Netted \$5,000

According to original reports Denham raised \$85,000 but spent \$80,000 on expenses for the fundraising party featuring LeAnn Rimes. Donations came from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (\$65,000), Morongo Mission Indians Native (\$25,000), Blue Shield of California's PAC (\$5,000), American Association of Clinical Urologists (\$2,500), and a Tennessee-based donor (\$2,500). [Politico.com, 1/31/11]

... Later Reports Changed the Total to Just \$650 Raised

According to the Fresno Bee, the fundraiser actually cost \$212,250 and raised \$212,900. It was also reported that America's New Majority PAC is made up of 11 Republicans and if the money were to be divided equally among them it would come to about \$59.09 per Republican. Questions were also raised about the appropriateness of having an "admitted adulteress" perform at a Republican event. [Fresno Bee, 4/16/11]

Denham Makes Legally Questionable Campaign Donation

In 2010, Denham's state campaign accounts donated \$25,000 and loaned \$150,000 to a charity called "Remembering the Brave" which had been running ads featuring Denham in the run up to the Republican primary. The ads feature Denham but do not endorse him; instead Denham is promoting a concert to benefit the charity which will be held at the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino. The question of legality stems from a candidate being barred from spending funds raised for state campaigns on federal elections. While the commercials did not endorse Denham they did provide "valuable exposure". [Fresno Bee, 5/29/10; 5/17/10]

... Memo on Chukchansi Letterhead Suggests Concert Could Raise Funds for Denham

A memo on Chukchansi letter listed an item for a meeting as "On 5/28, the Charity Concert by Phil Vassar will be performing to raise funds for Jeff Denham and Joe Alberta campaigns." The Chukchansi spokeswoman said "It is an inaccurate document. The document is not ours" and a consultant for Denham's campaign said it was "obviously a misprint". [Fresno Bee, 5/29/10]

... The Chukchansi Indians Ran an Ad against Denham's Opponents

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, owners of the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino, ran radio ads attacking Denham's Republican opponents in the final days. The Chukchansi gave money to the "Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership" independent expenditure which ran ads against Denham's opponents and in support of Denham. [Fresno Bee, 6/9/10; FEC Report, Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership, 7/14/10; 6/04/10]

... Republican Representative Devin Nunes was vocally Critical of Denham

"We must ensure that Indian gambling revenues are not being used to fund political activities," Nunes said at the May 19 hearing of the House Ways and Means Committee, adding that "I'm appalled by this exploitation of veterans." Nunes added that "some members of the Chukchansi tribe contacted me, and they're worried about this money being spent [improperly]." Nunes was supporting one of Denham's opponents during the primary. [Fresno Bee, 5/29/10]

... Even After Primary Rep. Nunes Accused Denham of Financial Misconduct

Representative Devin Nunes said that he would not support Denham's campaign for Congress until "'Serious illegalities' in Denham's campaign" were addressed. Nunes was the only local Representative to take this stance against Denham after the primary. [Fresno Bee, 6/10/10]

... FEC Complaint Filed by Fresno Republicans

In 2010, Fresno Republicans Tal Cloud and Michael “Mike” Der Manouel Jr. requested an FEC investigation into “Denham for Congress Committee, the Chukchansi Tribal Government, the non-profit Remembering the Brave, Californians for Fiscally Conservative Leadership, and Gillard Blanning and Associates”. Michael Der Manouel Jr. was the chairman of the Lincoln Club of Fresno County in 2010. [FEC Letter of Complaint, [8/31/10](#); [Fresno Bee](#), 8/21/10]

... FEC Deadlocked on Continuing the Investigation, Dropped Investigation

In 2011, the FEC dropped their investigation of Denham’s alleged FEC violations. According to the [Modesto Bee](#), the FEC unanimously dismissed five allegations while deadlocking on three concerning Denham’s 2010 campaign. The three remaining failed on a tie, three-to-three, vote. Of the three remaining allegations two were focused on the Remembering the Brave Foundation while the third was focused on where or not the FEC had “reason to believe that Jeff Denham, Jeff Denham for State Senate and David Bauer, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Denham for Congress and David Bauer, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R § 110.3(d). [[Modesto Bee](#), 9/26/11; FEC Executive Session, [8/02/11](#)]

***NOTE:** 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) states: Federal candidates 1) In general a candidate, individual holding Federal office, agent of a candidate or an individual holding Federal office, or an entity directly or indirectly established, financed, maintained or controlled by or acting on behalf of 1 or more candidates or individuals holding Federal office, shall not - (A) solicit, receive, direct, transfer, or spend funds in connection with an election for Federal office, including funds for any Federal election activity, unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act; or* [Find Law, Accessed [11/02/11](#)]

Denham’s Campaign was warned that it had received Potentially Illegal Contributions

In May 2010, the Federal Election Commission sent a letter to the Denham Campaign for U.S. Congress informing them that it seemed they had accepted a number of illegal contributions. The violations included receiving money from individuals and corporations who had given beyond their federal limits. The Denham campaign changed their FEC filing to reflect changes on the potentially illegal contributions. [Fresnobee.com News Blog, 5/28/10]

Denham Took Potentially Illegal Plane Ride with Karl Rove

In 2010, Denham took a flight on a plane owned by Harris Farms; also on the flight was Karl Rove.

According to the [Fresno Bee](#), Denham rode on a plane owned by Harris Farms with Andy Vidak (then candidate for the 20th Congressional District), Karl Rove and two of his aides, and Harris Farms CEO John Harris. The flight went from Fresno to East Bay, where Rove and his aides left, and then on to Coalinga (Denham’s destination). This violated part of the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act signed by President Bush which made it against the law for House candidates to ride on corporate planes. Denham’s Campaign paid \$150 for the flight. [[Fresno Bee](#), 5/06/10; FEC Form F3N April Quarterly, Debts and Obligations, 4/15/10]

Denham Cannot Use State Campaign Funds in Congressional Run

In 2009, the Fresno Bee reported that Jeff Denham could not use the more than \$1 million dollars he had collected to run for a state office in his race for the U.S. Congress. Denham has options on if he would like to give the money back to the donors, give the money to charity, give the money to the State GOP Party or hold onto it. [Fresno Bee News Blog, 12/30/09]

Raised Almost \$3 Million for 2006 State Senate Race

In 2006, Denham reported that he had raised over \$2.8 million, or about 5 times as much as his opponent, for the 2006 state senate race. Of the \$2.8 million \$1.3 million came from the California Republican Party and its local affiliates. [Modesto Bee, 10/26/06]

Denham Raised almost \$500,000 in Indian Tribe Donations Just in 2006

In 2006, Denham was supported by \$494,346 in television ads from a group called “Team 2006, Sponsored by California Sovereign Indian Nations”. At the time there were no tribal casinos in Denham’s district but he was the vice-chairman of the Senate committee which has jurisdiction over Indian gaming. The North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians was looking to build a casino/resort on non-tribal lands on Highway 99. [Modesto Bee, 10/26/06]

Received Thousands of Dollars in “Stealth” Donations

In 2002, Denham received thousands of dollars in “stealth”, but legal, donations. After the final deadline for financial disclosures the 21st Century Insurance Group donated “about \$950,000 to the California Republican Party and 15 county GOP committees, which then made substantial donations to Denham and five other Republicans in tight legislative races”. [The Monterey County Herald, 3/07/03]

“The state party donated about \$651,000 in services to Denham's campaign after Oct. 21. The Kern County Republican Party gave him nearly \$74,000 in services after that deadline. The Monterey County Republican Party chipped in about \$46,000 while San Joaquin County Republicans donated \$12,500. Denham's district stretches from the Salinas Valley to Modesto but does not take in Kern County.” [The Monterey County Herald, 3/07/03]

Alternative Headline: **'STEALTH' DONATIONS WENT TO WINNING GOP CANDIDATES PARTY FUNNELED FUNDS FROM COMPANY** [San Jose Mercury News, 3/07/03]

... Funds were Funneled to Denham’s Campaign By Kern Central Committee Members Including Kevin McCarthy

The Kern County Republican Central Committee agreed to pay \$10,000 in fines for “accepting and using campaign donations in excess of a \$25,000 annual limit.” The fine was two \$5,000 fines for funneling money from the 21st Century Insurance Group to Jeff Denham and Guy Houston. McCarthy said that if they broke the law it was because it was a new law with which they were not familiar. [The Bakersfield Californian, 6/02/04]

Donations by Industry

Below is a list of the top 21 Denham Congressional donors by industry:

Rank	Industry	Amount
1	Crop Production & Basic Processing	\$247,814
2	Leadership PACs	\$108,256
3	Casinos/Gambling	\$105,457
4	Real Estate	\$73,241
5	Dairy	\$59,985
6	Automotive	\$50,800
7	Agricultural Services/Products	\$46,450
8	Livestock	\$43,605
9	Health Professionals	\$42,950
10	Beer, Wine & Liquor	\$41,630
11	Oil & Gas	\$41,400
12	Home Builders	\$39,400
13	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$37,698
14	Insurance	\$32,700
15	Accountants	\$25,000
16	General Contractors	\$24,800
17	Retail Sales	\$23,800
18	Lobbyists	\$23,469
19	Republican/Conservative	\$23,391

20	Retired	\$21,500
21	Food Processing & Sales	\$21,500

[opensecrets.org, accessed 12/16/11]

Below is a list of PAC contributions by industry classification:

Industry	2010	2012	Total
Agriculture	\$71,899	\$71,250	\$143,149
Business - Retail, Services	\$23,500	\$30,500	\$54,000
Communication, Technology	\$12,500	\$23,500	\$36,000
Defense	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$11,500
Energy, Natural Resources	\$23,500	\$19,000	\$42,500
Finance, Insurance	\$58,750	\$33,800	\$92,550
Health Care	\$45,500	\$24,000	\$69,500
Law	\$2,150	\$12,033	\$14,183
Manufacturing	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$6,800	\$2,000	\$8,800
Organized Labor	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500
Real Estate/Construction	\$20,500	\$47,500	\$68,000
Single-Issue Groups	\$75,468	\$88,940	\$164,408
Transportation	\$19,500	\$22,876	\$42,376

[PoliticalMoneyLine.com, accessed 12/16/11]

Below is a breakdown of the PAC contributions:

Industry	Amount	Percent
Business	\$491,058	(78%)
Labor	\$3,500	(1%)
Ideological/Single Issues	\$135,398	(21%)

[opensecrets.org, accessed 12/16/11]

57 Percent of Contributions Came from Individual Donors, 32 Percent from PACs

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Walsh received 85 percent of his campaign contributions from individuals and only six percent from political action committees.

The table below summarizes the source of Walsh's funds:

Source of Funds	Amount	Percentage
Individual Contributions	\$528,560	85%

PAC Contributions	\$40,199	6%
Candidate self-financing	\$13,400	2%
Other	\$42,535	7%

[opensecrets.org, accessed 12/16/11]

Top 15 Contributors in State Elections

Contributor	Amount
Party Committees	\$2,697,470
Candidate Committees	\$714,845
Insurance	\$260,608
Crop Production & Basic Processing	\$178,855
Real Estate	\$165,670
Leadership PACs	\$156,664
Conservative Policy Organization	\$130,400
Christian Conservative	\$127,000
Gun Control	\$123,239
Beer, Wine & Liquor	\$102,040
Gambling & Casinos	\$100,700
Health Professionals	\$96,450
Telecom Services & Equipment	\$81,804
Public Sector Unions	\$72,983
Tribal Governments	\$65,400
TOTAL	

[National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed 12/2/11]

Appendix III – California State Senate Bill Sponsorship

California State Senate 2009-2010			
BILL	BILL TITLE	DATE	STATUS
<u>SB 28</u>	The purpose of this bill is to (1) require the decommissioning of San Quentin State Prison; (2) allow the Governor to select a new site for housing inmates condemned to death and for a new execution site; (3) exempt the building of a new prison to house condemned inmates from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); (4) require the sale of the property on which San Quentin now stands; (5) require the buyer of the property to demolish the prison; (6) exempt the demolition of the prison from CEQA; (7) prohibit industrial development on the site where the prison now stands; and (8) exempt any new residential or commercial development at the site from CEQA.	Introduced 12/02/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 29</u>	SB 29 is an urgency measure that mandates the sale of land that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (Coliseum) and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena (Sports Arena) occupy, including the state's share of the Sports Arena structure, and abolishes the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (LAMCC) upon completion of that sale	Introduced 12/02/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 30</u>	SB 30 is an urgency measure that requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to identify not less than \$1 billion worth of state property that can be sold immediately to pay off outstanding general obligation bonds and help close the budget deficit. SB 30 also requires state agencies affected by the sale to determine the costs and benefits of leasing back their existing space or finding new, more cost-effective space.	Introduced 12/02/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 44</u>	This bill abolishes the IWMB and divides its duties between DOC and the DTSC.	Introduced 01/07/2009 Amended 04/13/2009	Inactivity
<u>SB 121</u>	Extends the sunset date on the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program (CCRCPP) until July 1, 2013.	Introduced 02/03/2009 Amended 04/14/2009 Amended 06/11/2009 Enrolled 06/29/2009	Signed into law

		Chaptered 08/06/2009	
<u>SB 130</u>	Creates an urgency statute that appropriates \$5 million and authorizes lease financing up to \$13 million as an emergency loan for the King City Joint Union High School District (KCJUHSD).	Introduced 02/09/2009 Amended 04/13/2009 Amended 05/06/2009 Enrolled 07/10/2009 Chaptered 07/22/2009	Signed into law
<u>SB 132</u>	This bill requires the Medical Board of California to adopt regulations to establish qualifications for certified polysomnographic technologists, polysomnographic technicians, and polysomnographic trainees, and authorizes persons who meet specified education, examination and certification requirements to use the title "certified polysomnographic technologist" and engage in the practice of polysomnography under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician and surgeon.	Introduced 02/09/2009 Amended 04/27/2009 Amended 05/14/2009 Amended 06/24/2009 Amended 07/06/2009 Amended 08/31/2009 Enrolled 10/14/2009 Chaptered 10/23/2009	Signed into law
<u>SB 252</u>	SB 252 would expand the uses of K-12 deferred maintenance funding. Specifically, the bill would define "electrical" for the purposes of allowable uses for DM funding to: Include internal connections for education technology wiring. Include components necessary to transmit specified information to school buildings. Exclude services that extend beyond the school campus or library branch.	Introduced 02/24/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 440</u>	The purpose of this bill is to (1) add the crimes of child abuse likely to produce great bodily injury or death, physical child abuse, killing, mutilating, or torturing a domestic animal, elder abuse for which the defendant was incarcerated in state prison, and escape or attempted escape by force or violence to the lists of "serious felonies" as well as to the list of "violent felonies," as specified; and	Introduced 02/26/2009 Amended 04/02/2009	Inactive

	(2) add the crimes of human trafficking, stalking, solicitation to commit murder, fleeing or attempting to elude a pursuing peace officer, willful flight or attempting to elude a pursuing peace officer, and felon in possession of a firearm, to the list of "serious felonies," as specified.		
<u>SB 577</u>	Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, permits the California Horse Racing Board to authorize an association licensed to conduct a racing meeting also to operate a satellite wagering facility at its racetrack enclosure, under specified conditions that differ between the northern zone and the central and southern zones, and provides specific guidelines for the operation and location of these facilities. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to these provisions.	Introduced 02/27/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 642</u>	SB 642 would increase from the maximum amount of a contract to a certified small business, including a micro business and a disabled veteran business enterprise, without complying with specified competitive bidding requirements, from less than \$100,000 to less than \$250,000. This bill would require the contractor, upon completion of a public contract to report to the awarding department the actual percentage of small business or disabled veteran business enterprise participation that was achieved. Finally, this bill would increase from less than \$100,000 to less than \$250,000 projects where the total cost limit shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect the change in the California Construction Index.	Introduced 02/27/2009 Amended 05/04/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 643</u>	SB 643 would include a disabled veteran business enterprise, as defined under the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program, among the entities to whom higher penalties are payable under the California Prompt Payment Act.	Introduced 02/27/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 644</u>	Would increase veterans' points on state service examinations for veterans without prior state service.	Introduced 02/27/2009 Amended 04/13/2009 Amended 05/04/2009 Enrolled 08/27/2009 Chaptered 10/11/2009	Signed into law
<u>SB 645</u>	This bill declares that nothing in California law prohibits the University of California (UC) or the California State University (CSU) from coordinating with the United State	Introduced 02/27/2009 Amended	Vetoed by Governor,

	Armed Forces to establish training programs at military facilities.	04/02/2009 Amended 04/29/2009 Enrolled 07/01/2009	8/5/2010
<u>SB 646</u>	SB 646 would prohibit campuses of the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges (CCC) from charging any mandatory system fees to California members of the armed services who were honorably discharged and have no more remaining months of GI Bill eligibility. The bill would provide that these fee waivers would be operative only in those fiscal years in which funds are appropriated for the purpose.	Introduced 02/27/2009 Amended 05/06/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 647</u>	This bill establishes the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program.	Introduced 02/27/2009 Amended 04/13/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 703</u>	Under existing law the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to military veterans, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is in charge of the department. This bill would make technical, non-substantive, changes and correct an obsolete reference.	Introduced 02/27/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 704</u>	This bill eliminates Item 5240-301-0660 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2003 (Chapter 157 of the Statutes of 2003). It also eliminates Item 5225-301-0660 and 5225-491 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2008 (Chapters 268 and 269 of the Statutes of 2008) relating to the state budget. These statues authorize funding for the planning and construction of a new Condemned Inmate Complex (CIC) at San Quentin State Prison.	Introduced 02/27/2009 Amended 04/02/2009	Inactive
<u>SB 899</u>	SB 899 deletes the statewide cap on the number of out-of-country thoroughbred races that a thoroughbred racing association or fair may import, simulcast and on which wagers may be accepted.	Introduced 01/26/2010 Amended 06/28/2010 Enrolled 08/23/2010 Chaptered 09/24/2010	Signed into law
<u>SB 914</u>	The existing Political Reform Act of 1974 defines a committee to mean any person or combination of persons who, in a calendar year, receives contributions or makes independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more, or makes contributions of \$10,000 or more to, or at the behest of, candidates or committees. This bill would make non-substantive changes to those provisions.	Introduced 01/28/2010	Inactive

<u>SB 915</u>	<p>Existing law requires the proponents of an initiative or referendum to submit the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney General and to request from the Attorney General a title and summary for the measure prior to circulating the measure for signatures.</p> <p>Existing law requires the proponents of an initiative measure to pay a fee of \$200 at the time of submitting the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney General.</p> <p>Existing law requires that this fee be refunded to the proponents if the measure qualifies for the ballot within 2 years of the date on which the Attorney General issued the title and summary. If the measure does not qualify for the ballot within 2 years, existing law requires that the fee be deposited in the General Fund.</p> <p>This bill would make non-substantive changes to these provisions.</p>	Introduced 01/28/2010	Inactive
<u>SB 917</u>	<p>This bill prohibits mandatory system-wide student fees adopted by the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) from (1) exceeding a cumulative 10 percent over the immediately preceding academic year, and (2) becoming effective before 180 days have elapsed from date of adoption by the Trustees.</p>	Introduced 02/01/2010	Inactive
<u>SB 1013</u>	<p>The Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act, a bond act approved by the voters as Proposition 204 at the November 5, 1996, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance and sale of a total of \$995,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The act continuously appropriates \$93,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of those bonds to the Controller for allocation to the Department of Fish and Game or the Department of Water Resources to pay the state's share of the costs for fish and wildlife restoration measures required pursuant to the federal Central Valley Project Improvement Act and specified administrative costs of the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources.</p> <p>This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to those provisions.</p>	Introduced 02/10/2010	Inactive
<u>SB 1014</u>	<p>The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Act (bond act), approved by the voters as Proposition 13 at the March 7, 2000, statewide primary election, authorizes the issuance and sale of a total of \$1,970,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The bond act requires that \$630,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of those bonds be allocated for purposes of water supply reliability projects. Existing law authorizes the Department of Water Resources, upon</p>	Introduced 02/10/2010	Inactive

	<p>appropriation by the Legislature, to use \$200,000,000 from the moneys allocated for water supply reliability projects for purposes of providing grants for groundwater storage projects that produce water supply benefits for local agencies and water users. The bond act defines various terms for these purposes.</p> <p>This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to those definitions.</p>		
<u>SB 1015</u>	<p>Existing law requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct audits, as specified by statute, on internal controls, and to provide those audits to the inspector general.</p> <p>The bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to those provisions.</p>	Introduced 02/10/2010	Inactive
<u>SB 1016</u>	<p>Under existing law the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to military veterans, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is in charge of the department.</p> <p>This bill would make technical, non-substantive, changes and correct an obsolete reference.</p>	Introduced 02/10/2010	Inactive
<u>SB 1056</u>	<p>Allows a 25% Tax Credit for Wages Paid to Qualified Veterans.</p>	<p>Introduced 02/16/2010 Amended 04/21/2010 Amended 05/24/2010</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1057</u>	<p>Requires Veterans' Day to be observed by all state agencies on the actual date of Veterans' Day, November 11.</p>	<p>Introduced 02/16/2010 Amended 04/21/2010 Amended 05/03/2010 Amended 05/10/2010 Enrolled 08/13/2010 Chaptered 09/29/2010</p>	Signed into law
<u>SB 1078</u>	<p>The purpose of this bill is to require that, with respect to inmates sentenced under the laws of this state; (1) no inmate could be committed or transferred to an institution outside of this state by any court or other agency or officer of this state unless the Governor personally approves the transfer; (2) any agreement to confine an inmate in an institution outside of this state must provide that at all times the inmate shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the</p>	Introduced 02/17/2010	Inactive

	Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and may at any time be removed there from for any purpose permitted by the laws of this state; (3) CDCR ensure that in any agreement to transfer an inmate outside of this state, the receiving state or country shall not release the inmate before the inmate serves his or her full sentence; and (4) no agreement shall be made to transfer an inmate outside of this state if a California law enforcement agency from a jurisdiction where the acts leading to the inmate's imprisonment took place issues a public statement opposing the transfer.		
<u>SB 1105</u>	Would modify an existing 30 cent per vehicle insured special assessment, two-thirds of goes to auto insurance-related consumer service functions of the DOI and one-third to auto insurance-related activities in the DOI's rating and underwriting services bureau, the claims services bureau and the investigations bureau, to permit the assessment to be determined by the Commissioner in an amount not to exceed thirty cents.	Introduced 02/17/2010	Inactive
<u>SB 1229</u>	This bill adds all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to the list of vehicles that state law classifies as implements of husbandry and which may therefore be driven incidentally on public roads.	Introduced 02/19/2010 Amended 04/13/2010 Amended 05/19/2010 Enrolled 06/29/2010 Chaptered 07/15/2010	Signed into law
<u>SB 1356</u>	Senate Bill 1356 exempts a county that is responsible for the cost of a trial or trials or any hearing of a person for the offense of homicide, in which the homicide victim was a peace officer, from having to comply with any statutory cost threshold when applying to the State Controller for reimbursement. SB 1356 specifies that this exemption applies to a trial or trials or any hearing of a person for the offense of homicide if the victim of the homicide was a peace officer who was killed while engaged in the course of the performance of his or her official duties, or in retaliation for the performance of his or her official duties, as defined in statute. The bill also authorizes a city located in a county that is responsible for the cost of a trial or trials or any hearing of	Introduced 02/19/2010 Amended 04/05/2010	Inactive

	a person for the offense of homicide to apply to the Controller for reimbursement of investigative costs incurred by the city that are attributable to that trial, trials, or hearing, if the victim of the homicide was a peace officer who was killed while engaged in the course of the performance of his or her official duties, or in retaliation for the performance of his or her official duties, as defined in statute.		
<u>SBX2 8</u>	<p>This bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exempts the "as is" sale of surplus state property from the CEQA review. 2. Exempts the sale of surplus state property from the CEQA review when the close of escrow for that property is contingent upon certain local government land use laws. 3. Declares that an off-road heavy-duty project that involves farm equipment shall be deemed to have a minimum project life of at least 10 years. 4. Declares that a grant may be awarded to an off-road heavy-duty farm equipment project regardless of the time period between the date of the application and the regulation compliance date, as long as the grant is not awarded after the legally mandated date for compliance. 5. Requires the ARB to modify the off-road diesel-fueled vehicles regulations by extending the full compliance date from 2010 to 2013. 	<p>Introduced 02/11/2009 Amended 02/14/2009</p>	Inactive
<u>SBX3 21</u>	This bill would eliminate both appropriations and the reappropriation; to the extent the appropriated funds have not been expended. This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on December 19, 2008, pursuant to the California Constitution.	<p>Introduced 01/12/2009</p>	Inactive
<u>SBX3 39</u>	This bill would abolish the board and transfer all of its authority, duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction to the Department of Conservation and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, as described. This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on December 19, 2008, pursuant to the California Constitution.	<p>Introduced 06/09/2009</p>	Inactive
<u>SBX6 7</u>	This bill provides a tax credit of 25 percent of the qualified wages, not to exceed \$6,000, paid to employees who are	<p>Introduced 02/24/2010</p>	Inactive

	<p>qualified veterans beginning on or after January 1, 2010.</p> <p>Defines "qualified veteran" as an individual who satisfies all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been honorably discharged within the five calendar years prior to employment? 2. Received unemployment compensation within California for no less than four weeks during the 12 calendar months before the date of employment, and 3. Is employed by the taxpayer for not less than 120 hours during the calendar year in which the credit is generated. <p>Specifies that any deduction otherwise allowable for qualified wages shall be reduced by the amount of the credit allowed under this bill.</p>	Amended 05/03/2010	
<u>SBX8 63</u>	<p>This bill would, under both laws, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2010, allow a credit in an amount equal to 25% of the wages, not to exceed \$6,000, paid to each qualified veteran, as defined, by the taxpayer during the taxable year. This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on January 8, 2010, pursuant to the California Constitution.</p>	Introduced 02/16/2010	Inactive
<u>SCA 25</u>	<p>A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 8 of Article III thereof, by amending, repealing, and adding Sections 3, 7, 7.5, 8, 10, 11, and 12 of Article IV thereof, by amending, repealing, and adding Section 6 of Article XIX thereof, and by amending, repealing, and adding Section 1 of Article XIX A thereof, relating to the Legislature.</p>	Introduced 08/24/2009	Inactive
<u>SCA 26</u>	<p>This constitutional amendment prohibits mandatory system-wide student fees adopted by the Regents of the University of California from (1) exceeding a cumulative 10 percent over the immediately preceding fiscal year, and (2) becoming effective before 180 days have elapsed from date of adoption by the Regents.</p>	Introduced 02/01/2010	Inactive
<u>SCR 7</u>	<p>Proclaims March 2009 as Kidney Cancer Awareness Month in California. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:</p> <p>1)The American Cancer Society estimates that, each year,</p>	Introduced 01/05/2009 Amended 01/14/2009 Enrolled	Chaptered by the Secretary of State

	<p>more than 54,390 people in the United States are diagnosed with kidney cancer; and more than 100,000 survivors of kidney cancer now live in the United States.</p> <p>2) Kidney cancer is among the 10 most common cancers in both men and women and is usually undiagnosed or misdiagnosed until later stages or until it has spread to other areas of the body.</p> <p>3) Breakthroughs in research over the last year have given renewed hope to patients who previously had few treatment options.</p>	<p>02/23/2009 Chaptered 02/24/2009</p>	
<u>SCR 79</u>	<p>This resolution recognizes the month of June as Portuguese Heritage Month.</p>	<p>Introduced 02/22/2010 Amended 05/20/2010 Amended 05/24/2010 Enrolled 05/28/2010 Chaptered 06/02/2010</p>	Chaptered by the Secretary of State
<u>SCR 85</u>	<p>This measure designates, as the "Joseph A. Zanger Memorial Flyover," the flyover ramp at the interchange of State Routes 152 and 156 in Santa Clara County.</p>	<p>Introduced 03/09/2010 Enrolled 08/03/2010 Chaptered 08/04/2010</p>	Chaptered by the Secretary of State
<u>SCR 118</u>	<p>This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 99 in Atwater as the Correctional Officer Jose Rivera Memorial Highway.</p>	<p>Introduced 07/01/2010 Enrolled 09/02/2010 Chaptered 09/07/2010</p>	Chaptered by the Secretary of State
<u>SCR 120</u>	<p>Designates a portion of State Highway Route 99, between Pelande Avenue exit and Junction 219 in Stanislaus County, as the California Highway Patrol Officer Earl Scott Memorial Highway. Requests the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.</p>	<p>Introduced 08/04/2010 Amended 08/19/2010 Enrolled 09/02/2010 Chaptered 09/07/2010</p>	Chaptered by the Secretary of State
<u>SJR 16</u>	<p>This resolution requests that the President and the Congress of the United States pass H.R. 2474 that restores funding for California veterans pursuing higher education.</p>	<p>Introduced 06/29/2010</p>	Inactive

<u>SR 18</u>	This resolution designates March 30, 2009, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.	Introduced 03/25/2009 Enrolled 03/26/2009	Inactive
<u>SR 36</u>	This resolution recognizes the week of March 21 through March 27, 2010, as National Surveyors Week.	Introduced 02/19/2010 Enrolled 03/25/2010	Adopted

California State Senate 2007-2008			
BILL	BILL TITLE	DATE	STATUS
<u>SB 151</u>	An act to add and repeal Sections 17053.58 and 23658 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, and making an appropriation therefore, to take effect immediately, tax levy.	Introduced 1/27/2007	Inactive
<u>SB 168</u>	This bill would require the Superintendent to form an advisory task force, with prescribed membership approved by the State Board of Education, to develop guidelines in the field of physical education to promote physical fitness by pupils in each school district who are functionally blind or visually impaired. This bill would require the task force to report to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the Legislature by June 30, 2009.	Introduced 2/01/07	Inactive
<u>SB 170</u>	This bill would extend the operation of the provision authorizing the school district in which a parent or legal guardian of the pupil is employed to allow the pupil to attend a school in that district, through June 30, 2012, and would repeal the provision on January 1, 2013.	Introduced 2/05/07 Chaptered 7/06/07	Signed into law
<u>SB 176</u>	This bill would prohibit the enrollment changes reported under the Year-Round School Grant Program from reducing the ongoing eligibility of a school district for new construction funding, if the district provides specified evidence, except in the case of an application for new construction funding pursuant to the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.	Introduced 02/05/07	Inactive
<u>SB 215</u>	Require the county auditor for any county for which a negative sum was calculated pursuant to a specified former statute, in reducing the amount of property tax revenue otherwise allocated to the county by an amount attributable to that negative sum, to apply a reduction amount equal to the reduction amount determined for the 2010-11 fiscal year. By imposing new duties in the annual	Introduced 02/09/07 Amended 05/24/07	Inactive

	allocation of ad valorem property tax revenues, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		
<u>SB 228</u>	This bill would establish requirements for the decommissioning and redevelopment of San Quentin State Prison. Decommissioning would be required to be completed not later than December 31, 2012. The bill would also authorize the Governor to designate which state prison would house condemned inmates.	Introduced 02/13/07	Inactive
<u>SB 287</u>	This bill would authorize a person who is a family member, as the bill would define that term, of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed while serving on active duty in the military to apply for special license plates, subject to certain conditions. The bill would exempt the person from the additional fees. The special license plates would contain a gold star and the words "Gold Star Family."	Introduced 02/15/07 Amended 01/08/08	Inactive
<u>SB 317</u>	This bill would require applicants for license as an official veterinarian to pass both a written and oral exam, and would establish qualifications for persons to be admitted to the official veterinarian exam.	Introduced 02/16/07 Chaptered 07/17/07	Signed into law
<u>SB 318</u>	Existing law describes the contents of a driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The bill would make technical, non-substantive changes in that law.	Introduced 2/16/07	Inactive
<u>SB 379</u>	This bill would add the Dubai Cup to the list of imported races not subject to the limitation of 23 races per day. This bill would authorize additional wagering, and would increase the amount of continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation.	Introduced 02/21/07 Chaptered 10/10/07	Signed into law
<u>SB 397</u>	This bill would also require the board to adopt dates for horse races.	Introduced 02/21/07	Inactive
<u>SB 398</u>	Existing law provide for the Department of General Services in state government with specified powers and duties. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to this provision.	Introduced 2/21/2007 Amended 01/07/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 424</u>	This bill, with regard to those bond funds (Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, would appropriate \$16,400,000 to the department. Of these funds, the department would be required to allocate \$1,400,000 to Stanislaus County for the Orestimba Creek Flood Control Project and \$15,000,000 to Merced County for the Merced Streams Project at Black Rascal Creek.	Introduced 02/21/2007 Amended 04/30/2007	Inactive
<u>SB 455</u>	This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation to provide funds to enable the City of Soledad to continue to treat and dispose of wastewater that is	Introduced 02/13/2008 Enrolled	Vetoed By Governor

	generated by the Salinas Valley State Prison and the city.	07/20/2007	8/31/2008
<u>SB 495</u>	<p>Abridged: This bill would recast these provisions to authorize the counties identified in the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program and the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program to participate in the California Agricultural Crime Prevention Program. This bill would provide that local government and private contributions and shall be equal to that provided to each of the counties under that program, and that funding for the Counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Napa, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, Sonoma, Ventura, and Yolo shall be provided as it becomes available.</p> <p>This bill would make other conforming changes.</p>	<p>Introduced 2/22/2007</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 496</u>	Existing law sets forth the general requirements for the acquisition or replacement of motor vehicles and mobile equipment by the state. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to these provisions.	<p>Introduced 2/22/2007</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 654</u>	This bill would provide that, for the sole purpose of qualifying applicants for admission to the accounting licensing examination for a certified public accountant, the date on which an educational institution applied for accreditation shall be accepted as the date on which the institution was accredited if the accreditation was obtained at any time during the 5-year period subsequent to the application.	<p>Introduced 2/22/2007 Amended 4/23/2007</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1125</u>	This bill would enact the Polysomnographic Technologist Act, which would provide for the licensing and regulation of polysomnographic technologists by the board. The bill would prohibit the unlicensed performance of polysomnography or polysomnography-related respiratory care services, as defined, except as specified. The bill would provide for certain licensing and regulatory fees to be deposited into the fund. The bill would make a violation of the provisions of the act a crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.	<p>Introduced 1/08/2008</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1133</u>	This bill would require the California Science Center to sell the parcel of land that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena structures occupy and the state's share of the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena by authorizing the Department of General Services to establish a process to solicit bids for the fair market sale of the parcel of the land and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena structure. Any buyer or buyers who specify that they will continue with the same	<p>Introduced 1/31/2008 Amended 4/21/2008</p>	Inactive

	use of the parcel of land and the Los Angeles Memorial Arena structure would be exempt from any applicable state and local environmental laws and regulations with regard to improvements, construction, or remodeling.		
<u>SB 1204</u>	This bill would authorize a state or local filing officer to allow the electronic filing of statements of economic interest.	Introduced 2/13/2008 Amended 7/01/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1268</u>	Existing law prohibits a person from engaging in the manufacture, packing, or holding of any processed food in this state unless the person has a valid registration from the department, except as specified. It is also unlawful for any person to manufacture, pack, or hold processed food in this state unless in a food processing facility duly registered, except as specified. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to the registration exceptions to the above described prohibitions.	Introduced 02/19/2008 Chaptered 9/27/2008	Signed into law
<u>SB 1273</u>	The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available during regular business hours and, upon request, to provide a copy of a record upon payment of any applicable fee, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to these provisions.	Introduced 02/19/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1306</u>	Existing law provides that there is in the state government the Dairy Council of California which consists of not less than 24, nor more than 25 members, as specified. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to that provision.	Introduced 02/20/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1347</u>	Existing law defines "class," for the purpose of the statutes regulating general instructional programs for public elementary and secondary schools, as an organized group of pupils within a school who are pursuing a particular course, subject, or activity. This bill would revise that definition to make a technical, non-substantive change.	Introduced 02/20/2008 Amended 3/27/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1383</u>	Existing law authorizes any state agency to make exhibits descriptive or illustrative of any activity or pursuit relating to its work or authorized or recognized by the laws of the state or acts of Congress, and pay all actual and necessary expenses incurred in making the exhibits from any appropriation available for the use, support, or maintenance of the agency. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to these provisions.	Introduced 02/21/2008	Inactive

<u>SB 1384</u>	Existing law requires the Department of General Services to approve certain contracts entered into by a state agency, or the performance of work or services by the state agency for, or in cooperation with any person or public body. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to these provisions.	Introduced 02/21/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1411</u>	The Chiropractic Act, an initiative measure approved by the electors on November 7, 1922, provides for the regulation and licensing of chiropractors in this state by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. This bill would make a non-substantive change to this provision.	Introduced 02/21/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1456</u>	This bill would appropriate unspecified amounts from the General Fund and other funds and sources to the Controller for allocation by the Director of Finance to pay the current, urgent expenses of the state government, excluding salaries and per diem of Members of the Legislature, at a level of service that does not exceed the level for the preceding fiscal year, if the Budget Act is not enacted by July 1.	Introduced 02/21/2008 Amended 3/25/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1663</u>	This bill would additionally exempt from the waste and used tire hauler registration requirements a person who is an owner or employee of an agriculture business concern, as defined, that is not a waste tire generating business, if the person is hauling used or waste tires that were used on a vehicle owned or operated by that agriculture business concern. The bill would also make technical and clarifying changes.	Introduced 02/22/2008 Amended 4/21/2008	Inactive
<u>SB 1686</u>	Under existing law, it is a misdemeanor for any person working for the proponent of a statewide initiative or referendum measure to cover or otherwise obscure the summary of the measure prepared by the Attorney General from the view of a prospective signer. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to this provision.	Introduced 02/22/2008 Amended 08/08/2008	Vetoed by Governor
<u>SCA 14</u>	This measure would require the budget submitted by the Governor to be a balanced budget, as defined, pursuant to a determination to be made by the Legislative Analyst. The measure would provide that if, by January 10, the Governor fails to submit a balanced budget, as determined by the Legislative Analyst, the Governor shall forfeit any salary from January 11 until the date a balanced budget is submitted.	Introduced 01/09/2008 Amended 3/25/2008	Inactive
<u>SCA 15</u>	This measure would also require, if the Legislature fails to pass the Budget Bill by June 15 of any year, that each house of the Legislature meet in session 24 hours a day,	Introduced 01/09/2008 Amended	Inactive

	and not recess or adjourn, until the Budget Bill is passed and presented to the Governor.	3/25/2008	
<u>SCA 16</u>	This measure instead would provide that, if a Budget Bill is not passed by June 15, Members of the Legislature may not be paid any salary from June 16 to the date a Budget Bill is passed and sent to the Governor. It would provide that once a Budget Bill is passed and sent to the Governor, a Member of the Legislature may not be paid any salary due for that period of time.	Introduced 01/09/2008 Amended 3/25/2008	Inactive
<u>SCR 53</u>	Abridged: This measure would express the Legislature's condolences and heartfelt sorrow for the tragic loss suffered by the California Highway Patrol and the family and friends of Officer Earl H. Scott as a result of Officer Scott's untimely death in the line of duty, The measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 99 in the County of Stanislaus, as the California Highway Patrol Officer Earl H. Scott Memorial Highway. Would erect signs in his honor.	Introduced 05/24/2007 Amended 4/22/2008	Inactive
<u>SCR 68</u>	This measure would add a provision to the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 2007-08 Regular Session to require that any conference committee on the Budget Bill be comprised of 10 members. The measure would require the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly to appoint 3 members each and the minority party caucuses in each house to appoint 2 members each.	Introduced 01/09/2008 Amended 3/25/2008	Inactive
<u>SCR 69</u>	This measure would add a provision to the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 2007-08 Regular Session to require that a vote by a committee or subcommittee in either house of the Legislature to take action on the Budget Bill, or a vote by a conference committee to take action on the Budget Bill, be a 2/3 vote.	Introduced 01/09/2008 Amended 3/25/2008	Inactive
<u>SCR 86</u>	Abridged: This measure would encourage all high school social studies teachers to study independently at their local county historical society and to use the materials available there to instruct their pupils on local history... This measure would encourage the California State Grange to work with historical societies throughout the state to collect local history instruction.	Introduced: 02/27/2008 Chaptered 06/13/2008	Chaptered by Secretary of State
<u>SCR 88</u>	This measure would support the California education system in preparing pupils to succeed and prosper in life, in school, and the job, and would urge education and business leaders to work together to create an education system that better prepares today's pupils for tomorrow's workplace.	Introduced: 02/28/2008 Chaptered 06/24/2008	Chaptered by Secretary of State

California State Senate 2005-2006			
BILL	BILL TITLE	DATE	STATUS
<u>SB 9</u>	This bill would authorize the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to enter into contracts for up to 4,500 beds in community facilities for female inmates with no history of serious or violent offenses and who are not required to register as a sex offender. The community facilities would be required to provide wrap-around services to the female inmates, as specified.	Introduced 12/06/2004 Amended 03/07/2005 Amended 04/12/2005 Amended 01/04/2006 Amended 01/17/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 124</u>	Extends a "sunset date" related to a private statewide marketing organization to market and promote thoroughbred and fair horse racing in California from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2008.	Introduced 01/27/2005 Enrolled 07/18/2005 Chaptered 07/27/2005	Signed into law
<u>SB 132</u>	An act to amend Section 5345 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agricultural inspection.	Introduced 01/31/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 133</u>	An act to amend Section 55530 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.	Introduced 01/31/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 134</u>	An act to amend Section 6301 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to plant quarantine and pest control.	Introduced 01/31/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 136</u>	Specifies that a school district may enroll a pupil in a school in the school district where the parent or guardian of that pupil is employed provided the parent or guardian is employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week within the boundaries of the school district. The bill encourages school districts to annually verify a parent's employment in these districts.	Introduced 02/01/2005 Amended 04/20/2005 Amended 04/26/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 176</u>	This bill authorizes non-consensual blood alcohol testing, <u>without arrest or probable cause</u> , by extending existing implied consent for blood alcohol content (BAC) testing of drivers arrested for DUI to drivers who cause fatal automobile accidents. If the driver refuses to take the test his or her driver's license will be suspended or revoked.	Introduced 02/09/2005 Amended 04/04/2005 Amended 04/21/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 234</u>	This bill prohibits the disclosure of a taxpayers personal information, as defined, to the general public unless the disclosure is specifically authorized or required by law ("taxpayer's personal information" is defined as a social security number, telephone number, or personal residence address of an individual). This bill includes legislative findings that any limitations on the public's right to access that would be made by this bill serve a compelling state interest.	Introduced 02/15/2005 Amended 04/20/2005 Amended 05/05/2005 Amended 05/17/2005 Amended	Inactive

		05/31/2005 Amended 06/21/2005 Amended 08/22/2005 Amended 02/16/2006	
<u>SB 235</u>	This bill would include in the new crime it proposes a provision requiring "the prosecuting attorney or grand jury shall substitute a pseudonym for the true name of the victim involved.	Introduced 02/15/2005 Amended 04/04/2005 Amended 04/21/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 249</u>	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to address the issues raised by the California Supreme Court in Keenan v. Superior Court of Los Angeles regarding the California "Son of Sam" law.	Introduced 02/15/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 260</u>	<p>This bill :</p> <p>1) Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to select 50 school districts, on a pilot program basis, that may claim apportionments for students assigned to in-school suspension classrooms supervised by a non-certificated school employee if students are allowed to complete for credit any assignments or tests that would otherwise be missed during the period of suspension and all of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>a) Apportionments are claimed for no more than five pupils per day;</p> <p>b) A certificated employee monitors the classroom at least two times per day, ensuring, at a minimum, that pupils are making progress in completing school work and tests missed during suspension;</p> <p>c) Apportionments are not claimed for a particular pupil for more than ten days in an academic year.</p> <p>2) Requires the governing board of each district that participates in this pilot program to describe to the SBE the duties of the certificated employee who monitors a suspension classroom.</p> <p>3) Requires the governing board of a district that participates in this program to submit a report, by January 1, 2011, to all of the following regarding the fiscal impact of this program:</p> <p>a) The Superintendent.</p> <p>b) The Secretary for Education.</p> <p>c) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate.</p> <p>d) The Speaker of the Assembly.</p>	Introduced 02/15/2005 Amended 03/29/2005 Amended 05/02/2005	Inactive

	<p>e) The minority leader of the Senate.</p> <p>f) The minority leader of the Assembly.</p> <p>4) Repeals the pilot program on July 1, 2011.</p>		
<u>SB 276</u>	This bill authorizes the sale, lease, or exchange of three state-owned parcels of real property	<p>Introduced 02/16/2005</p> <p>Amended 04/05/2005</p> <p>Amended 04/21/2005</p> <p>Amended 02/02/2006</p> <p>Amended 06/20/2006</p> <p>Amended 08/23/2006</p> <p>Enrolled 08/30/2006</p>	Vetoed by Governor
<u>SB 313</u>	An act to amend Section 987 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal procedure.	<p>Introduced 02/16/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 341</u>	An act to amend Section 19412 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.	<p>Introduced 02/16/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 342</u>	An act to amend Section 19800 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.	<p>Introduced 02/16/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 343</u>	An act to amend Section 19620 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to fairs.	<p>Introduced 02/16/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 344</u>	An act to amend Section 24045.16 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.	<p>Introduced 02/16/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 381</u>	This bill authorizes a grants and annuities society that is also licensed as a life and disability insurer to offer a variable annuity. In addition, this bill eliminates certain related regulatory and reporting requirements.	<p>Introduced 02/17/2005</p> <p>Amended 04/12/2005</p> <p>Amended 05/03/2005</p> <p>Enrolled 08/19/2005</p> <p>Chaptered 09/06/2005</p>	Signed into law
<u>SB 449</u>	<p>The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.</p> <p>This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.</p>	<p>Introduced 02/17/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 480</u>	SB 480 requires the Department of Corrections to make available inmate work crews from Salinas Valley State	<p>Introduced 02/18/2005</p>	Inactive

	Prison to perform ongoing maintenance at the cemetery.	Amended 05/18/2005	
<u>SB 613</u>	The purpose of this bill is to provide that a person who contacts or attempts to contact a minor for purposes of engaging in child abuse, sex crimes against children or possession of child pornography shall be treated as if the person were convicted of an attempt to commit the specified crime.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 04/25/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 673</u>	This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise the requirements of CEQA governing the environmental review of proposed residential housing projects in urban areas that have demonstrated housing shortages.	Introduced 02/22/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 722</u>	An act to amend Section 3000 of, and to add Sections 1203.068 and 3003.6 to, the Penal Code, relating to sex offenders, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 04/27/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 723</u>	This bill would, notwithstanding any provision of law, prohibit sexually violent predators released under the conditional release program from being placed within 1/4 mile of any public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, if the person has been convicted of certain offenses or the court finds that the person has a history of improper sexual conduct with children.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 03/30/2005 Amended 04/20/2005 Amended 04/25/2005 Amended 06/06/2005 Amended 08/15/2005 Enrolled 08/31/2005 Chaptered 10/05/2005	Signed into law
<u>SB 813</u>	This bill would instead exempt a school that is located in a school district with 30% of its pupils attending a multi-track, year-round school. This bill would prohibit the enrollment changes reported under the Year-Round School Grant Program from reducing the ongoing eligibility of a school district for new construction funding, if the district provides specified evidence, except in the case of an application for new construction funding pursuant to the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.	Introduced 02/23/2005 Amended 05/04/2005 Amended 09/07/2005 Amended 02/16/2006 Amended 04/24/2006 Amended 08/21/2006 Amended	Inactive

		08/23/2006 Amended 08/28/2006	
<u>SB 872</u>	<p>This bill would provide that these provisions would remain in effect until January 1, 2016, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program, and making an appropriation by continuing in effect a continuously appropriated fund.</p> <p>This bill would provide that county agricultural commissioners may withhold from the assessment paid to the secretary the amount necessary to recover the cost of complying with these provisions, as specified. This bill would expand the purposes of the research program to address vertebrate pests that pose a significant risk to the state's infrastructure. This bill would define research for purposes of these provisions to include both basic and applied research, as specified. This bill would also restrict expenditure of funds from the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Account, as specified.</p> <p>This bill would instead provide for a representative of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association be appointed to the committee. This bill would also make other conforming changes.</p> <p>This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.</p>	<p>Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 03/29/2005 Amended 05/17/2005 Enrolled 08/19/2005 Chaptered 09/06/2005</p>	Signed into law
<u>SB 900</u>	SB 900, an urgency measure, (1) repeals various provisions of law related to the management and disposal of state surplus property, and (2) makes permanent certain provisions of law, that are scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2005, related to local governments' first right of refusal of surplus property, and the transfer of such property at less than fair market value under certain circumstances.	<p>Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 05/03/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 901</u>	This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that requires the Department of General Services to prepare a report on the economic impact of the sale of state property.	<p>Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 04/21/2005 Amended 05/11/2005</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 902</u>	This bill states the intent of the Legislature to reform the Office of Fleet Administration of the Department of General Services pursuant to the Bureau of State Audits Report 2004-113.	<p>Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 08/16/2005 Amended 05/11/2006 Amended</p>	Inactive

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<u>SB 903</u>	Existing law generally sets forth the findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the disposal of surplus state property. This bill would make various technical, non-substantive changes in these provisions.	Introduced 02/22/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 952</u>	This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to convey to the City of Soledad a portion of the Department of Corrections Training Facility at Soledad.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 04/20/2005 Amended 05/16/2005 Amended 08/25/2005 Enrolled 09/12/2005	Vetoed by Governor
<u>SB 1000</u>	Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates upon compliance with certain requirements, including payment of certain additional fees. This bill would set forth a statement of legislative intent to establish a special interest license plate program relating to California agriculture.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 03/29/2005	Inactive
<u>SB 1041</u>	SB 1041 directs CDFA to work with the boards of directors of the district agriculture associations to identify two fairs to be used in a pilot program evaluating the effectiveness for transitioning the state agency fairs to an institution controlled by the county or other local governmental entity.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 04/11/2005 Amended 05/11/2005 Amended 06/22/2005 Amended 04/19/2006 Amended 06/20/2006 Amended 08/07/2006 Amended 08/09/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1117</u>	This bill would express the intent of the legislature to enact legislation that ensures that the regents immediately discontinue the practice of holding secret meetings to award salaries and benefits to University of California management executives and to strongly urge the regents to annually and fully disclose any and all compensation that	Introduced 01/04/2006	Inactive

	every University of California management executive receives in a report to the legislature. The bill would further express the intent of the legislature to propose that the people of the state amend the California Constitution to eliminate the independence of the University of California, if the Regents of the University of California refuse to voluntarily disclose the system of compensating University of California management executives. The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations relating to the compensation of executives of the University of California.		
<u>SB 1227</u>	This bill would lower the prima facie speed limit in school zones in Merced and Monterey Counties from 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour until January 1, 2010.	Introduced 02/06/2006 Amended 03/14/2006 Amended 03/28/2006 Amended 04/18/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1262</u>	The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the ability of a court to grant probation to any person convicted of vehicle theft, taking a vehicle without the owner's permission, or obtaining, concealing or selling a stolen vehicle, who has a prior felony conviction for any of these offenses.	Introduced 02/09/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1313</u>	An act to amend Section 3000 of, and to add Sections 1203.068 and 3003.6 to the Penal Code, relating to sex offenders, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.	Introduced 02/16/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1328</u>	The purpose of this bill is to create a presumption that crime victims under subpoena to testify and their support person(s) will be permitted to remain in the courtroom prior to their own testimony and to prohibit courts from excluding these persons from the courtroom prior to their own testimony without first holding a hearing and making specified findings; and to reserve at least one-third of all audience seating in the courtroom in criminal trials for the victim's family, staff from a victim's services agency and the prosecuting agency.	Introduced 02/17/2006 Amended 04/27/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1396</u>	This bill clarifies Horse Racing law so that those violating the law will no longer be able to resign their licenses or let it lapse in order to avoid sanctions or discipline by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), as specified.	Introduced 02/22/2006 Amended 08/24/2006 Enrolled 09/06/2006 Chaptered 09/22/2006	Signed into law

<u>SB 1417</u>	Existing law provides that various agricultural and seafood industries are supported by commissions and councils mandated to enhance and preserve the economic interests of the state. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to these provisions.	Introduced 02/22/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1418</u>	Existing law defines "pest" for purposes of provisions relating to the control and eradication of things that are, or are liable to be, dangerous or detrimental to agriculture. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to these provisions.	Introduced 02/22/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1426</u>	SB 1426, an urgency measure, would establish the Emergency Account in the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund and appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for detection, emergency eradication, and research on agricultural plant and animal diseases. The bill would create the Emerging Threat Intervention Account in the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund and appropriate \$9,000,000 from the General Fund to that account for imposition of quarantines, sanitary, and police regulations as may be needed to respond to any condition determined to be necessary by the State Veterinarian, as specified.	Introduced 02/22/2006 Amended 04/03/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1443</u>	Would cap, at 90% of final compensation, the cumulative California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) allowance under multiple retirement formulas for individuals serving the State of California in the state patrol, peace officer/firefighter, or state safety membership categories. URGENCY BILL.	Introduced 02/22/2006 Amended 05/02/2006 Amended 06/07/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1463</u>	Existing law generally authorizes the Director of General Services to exempt from his or her approval any real estate acquisition or conveyance involving not more than \$150,000 under specified conditions and requires that notice of these exemptions be given to the Controller. This bill would require that notice of these exemptions also be given to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization and the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization.	Introduced 02/23/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1464</u>	This bill requires any horse racing track operating four weeks or more of continuous thoroughbred racing in any calendar year to install a polymer, synthetic-type racing surface prior to December 31, 2007.	Introduced 02/23/2006 Amended 04/18/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1530</u>	Existing law provides for the burial of veterans and veterans' widows and widowers, and the care of veterans' graves. Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with the Monterey	Introduced 02/23/2006	Inactive

	County Board of Supervisors, to develop a master plan for a state-owned and state-operated Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to be located on the grounds of the former Fort Ord in Monterey County. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to this provision.		
<u>SB 1597</u>	Declares that monies raised pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Act shall be held in trust for future 911 emergency service projects.	Introduced 02/24/2006 Enrolled 06/28/2006 Chaptered 07/12/2006	Signed into law
<u>SB 1625</u>	This bill would allow a uniform experience rating plan to meet the regulatory requirement by requiring an insurer issuing a workers' compensation policy to a horse trainer to attach to the policy an alternate employer endorsement that has been approved by the commissioner, as specified.	Introduced 02/24/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1632</u>	Under existing law, the approval and adoption of the State Water Plan do not repeal any of the provisions of the Central Valley Project Act of 1933, and to the extent there is any inconsistency or conflict, the provisions of that act are to prevail over provisions relating to the adoption of the plan and the provisions of the plan. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to that provision.	Introduced 02/24/2006	Inactive
<u>SB 1645</u>	This bill would, in addition, require that the driver's license of a person who drove a motor vehicle during the commission of a lewd and lascivious act on a child under 12 years of age, or who drove the vehicle to or from the location of that act, be revoked for the period of his or her probation, incarceration, and parole. (2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.	Introduced 02/24/2006	Inactive
<u>SCA 4</u>	Designates the Secretary of State as a nonpartisan office.	Introduced 12/06/2004 Amended 03/07/2005	Inactive
<u>SCR 7</u>	This resolution designates a portion of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Merced as the Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway.	Introduced 01/12/2005 Amended 04/27/2006 Amended 05/04/2006 Enrolled 05/12/2006 Chaptered	Chaptered by Secretary of State

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<u>SCR 26</u>	This resolution honors the men and women of California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing the week of March 20 to March 26, 2005, as National Agriculture Week and Saturday, March 26, 2005, as National Agriculture Day.	Introduced 02/22/2005 Amended 03/07/2005 Enrolled 03/31/2005 Chaptered 04/05/2005	Chaptered by Secretary of State
<u>SCR 45</u>	The Legislature proclaims the week of May 8 to 14, 2005, as International Building Safety Week, and urges all residents to participate in International Building Safety Week activities to help promote building safety, to create awareness as to the importance of construction and building codes, and to spotlight the role of the dedicated code official in administering those codes.	Introduced 04/21/2005 Enrolled 06/10/2005 Chaptered 06/17/2005	Chaptered by Secretary of State
<u>SCR 120</u>	Designates that portion of State Highway Route (SR) 101 north of Chualar between Payson Street and Esperanza Road in Monterey County as the "Caltrans Highway Maintenance Lead Worker Michael "Flea" Feliciano Memorial Highway."	Introduced 05/18/2006 Amended 08/07/2006 Enrolled 09/06/2006 Chaptered 09/08/2006	Chaptered by Secretary of State
<u>SCR 122</u>	This resolution recognizes David Grant USAF Medical Center and its command as an important segment of the United States Armed Forces.	Introduced 06/07/2006 Amended 08/07/2006 Enrolled 08/29/2006 Chaptered 08/31/2006	Chaptered by Secretary of State
<u>SCR 125</u>	Recognizes July 22, 2006, as National Day of the Cowboy and asks that the attention of the public be drawn to the numerous contributions of the cowboy.	Introduced 06/13/2006 Enrolled 06/30/2006 Chaptered 07/07/2006	Chaptered by Secretary of State
<u>SCR 131</u>	Encourages parents, educators, school nurses, and concerned adults to celebrate Children's Vision and Learning Month, August 2006, by recognizing the role good vision plays in learning.	Introduced 08/10/2006 Enrolled 08/29/2006 Chaptered 08/31/2006	Chaptered by Secretary of State

<u>SJR 18</u>	This resolution memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to approve construction of a state veterans' cemetery at Fort Ord in Monterey County, when the state applies to the federal State Cemetery Grants Program.	Introduced 01/17/2006 Amended 06/22/2006 Enrolled 08/11/2006 Chaptered 08/15/2006	Chaptered by Secretary of State
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<u>SB 38</u>	This bill would require these forms provided by the department relating to organ and tissue donation to include a provision allowing the donor to indicate whether he or she desires to prohibit a donation to any person who is incarcerated in state prison or a county jail.	Introduced 12/20/02 Amended 04/07/03	Inactive
<u>SB 44</u>	This bill would allow the Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Benito, until July 1, 2010, to develop Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Programs modeled on Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Programs, to be administered by the county sheriff's office in Monterey County and by the district attorney's office in each of the other 4 counties. It would require participating counties to meet certain data collection requirements. The bill would provide that funding sources for the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Programs may include local government appropriations and private contributions.	Introduced 1/8/03 Amended 5/06/03	Signed into law
<u>SB 76</u>	This bill would, notwithstanding the provisions above, authorize the governing board of a school district to request approval from the State Board of Education in order to claim apportionments for the attendance of pupils attending a suspension classroom staffed by a non-certificated school employee provided that a pupil attending the suspension classroom is allowed to complete for credit any assignments or tests that would otherwise be missed during the period of suspension, the apportionments are for no more than 5 pupils per day, a certified employee monitors the classroom at least 2 times per day, and apportionments for a particular pupil are for no more than 10 days per academic year.	Introduced: 1/12/03 Enrolled: 8/28/04	Vetoed by Governor
<u>SB 140</u>	This bill extends authorization for, and makes discretionary, recently sunset mandates for specified forms of interdistrict transfer for pupils.	Introduced: 2/06/2003 Chaptered: 9/25/03	Signed into law

<u>SB 264</u>	This bill would establish the Commission on Workers' Compensation Reform in state government. The bill would set forth the membership of the commission and would require the commission to submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2006	Introduced: 2/18/03 Last Amended: 2004	Inactive
<u>SB 756</u>	This bill directs funds in the 2003-2004 budget for all of the costs incurred by Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto for the prosecution of Scott Peterson and freezes "negative bailout" property tax allocations at their 2003-2004 levels.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Last Amended: 1/16/04	Inactive
<u>SB 786</u>	Existing law requires that any course of study adopted for a public school be designed to fit the needs of the pupils for which the course of study is prescribed. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Last Amended: 1/05/2004	Inactive
<u>SB 788</u>	Existing law authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture to expend in accordance with law all money that is made available for its use. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to these provisions.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Last Amended: 1/05/2004	Inactive
<u>SB 799</u>	This bill would exempt a retriever unit, as defined. Existing law exempts an automatic bale wagon, as defined, from Registration.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Enrolled: 8/21/03	Vetoed by Governor
<u>SB 807</u>	Existing law designates air pollution control districts and air quality management districts as having the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources, and requires that districts adopt and enforce rules and regulations to federal ambient air quality standards in all areas affected by emission sources under their jurisdiction. Existing law requires the board of every district to establish by regulation a system. This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change to those provisions.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Last Amended: 4/28/03	Inactive
<u>SB 820</u>	This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission in conjunction with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the Office of Technology Resources, and the Trade and Commerce Agency to report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2005, on the specific actions that state agencies and the Legislature can take that will most successfully insure the rapid development of a renewable ethanol industry in the state.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Last Amended: 5/01/03	Inactive

<u>SB 843</u>	Existing law establishes in state government the Department of Veterans Affairs and authorizes the director of the department to employ all employees necessary to carry out his or her powers and duties, as provided. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to these provisions.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Last Amended: 1/12/2004	Inactive
<u>SB 882</u>	Existing law says distributing harmful materials knowingly to a minor is a crime. This bill, in addition, would provide that every person who contacts or communicates with a minor, or attempts to contact or communicate with a minor, who knows or reasonably should know that the person is a minor, with the intent to commit a specified offense with that minor shall be punished as provided for in the law proscribing attempts to commit a crime. Because the bill would create a new crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program. No state-reimbursement required.	Introduced: 2/21/03	Inactive
<u>SB 908</u>	This bill would, instead, require that any design-build contract entered into by a county under these provisions costing less than \$20,000,000 be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The bill would also add Monterey County to those counties that may elect to use these provisions. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute.	Introduced: 2/21/03 Amended: 4/21/03	Inactive
<u>SB 946</u>	This bill would require the child support functions of Madera County to remain within the county's local child support agency and would prohibit the consolidation of that county's child support functions with the child support agency, or child support functions, of any other county.	Introduced: 2/21/03	Inactive
<u>SB 972</u>	Existing law provides a noxious weed management program, and includes legislative findings and declarations concerning noxious weeds and their impacts. This bill would make a non-substantive change in those provisions.	Introduced: 2/21/03	Inactive
<u>SB 1175</u>	This bill would authorize certain school buildings designed for community college purposes, and to be used to house classes of the California State University or the University of California in addition to community college classes. Any building constructed after Jan. 1 st 2005 built according to such provisions and newly constructed after January 1, 2005, to follow these rules. The bill would require a community college district governing board that proposes to construct a school building under this bill that does not comply with the Field Act give notice & town hall if needed.	Introduced: 2/05/04	Inactive

<u>SB 1194</u>	<p>The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on any project that they propose to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA requires the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and develop proposed guidelines for the implementation of the act by public agencies that include a list of classes of projects that have been determined not have a significant effect on the environment.</p> <p>This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change in those provisions relating to the list of classes of projects that is required to be included in those guidelines.</p>	Introduced: 2/09/04	Inactive
<u>SB 1195</u>	<p>The existing California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, establishes an integrated waste management program. The act requires the board to file an annual report, on or before March 1 of each year with the Legislature, regarding the administration of the act during the prior calendar year, and to file annual progress reports covering activities undertaken by the board in the prior fiscal year.</p> <p>This bill would make technical non-substantive changes and correct erroneous references in that provision.</p>	Introduced 2/09/04	Inactive
<u>SB 1197</u>	<p>The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,440,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality, and water reliability program. Of that amount, \$825,000,000 is available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the balanced implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, including \$50,000,000 for surface water storage planning and feasibility studies.</p> <p>This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money from bond funds made available by that surface water storage provision of the act to an unspecified entity to finance the planning of a water storage facility on the upper San Joaquin River.</p>	Introduced: 2/09/04 Amended 4/12/04	Inactive
<u>SB 1222</u>	<p>Existing law provides that whenever persons confined in the county jail, industrial farm, road camp, or city jail suffer injuries or death while working in the prevention or suppression of forest, brush, or grass fires, he or she is considered to be an employee of the county or city,</p>	Introduced: 2/11/04	Inactive

	<p>respectively, for purposes of workers' compensation. Existing law provides that persons performing certain duties under a county work release program are eligible for workers' compensation.</p> <p>Existing law prescribes the amount of average weekly earnings that are used in computing average annual earnings for the purposes of temporary disability indemnity benefits.</p> <p>This bill would provide that for purposes of determining temporary disability benefits for any person entitled to benefits under the workers' compensation law as a result of an injury sustained by an inmate of any county jail, industrial farm, road camp, or city jail, or by an inmate assigned to a county work release program, the average weekly earnings shall be taken at the minimum amount set forth in the above provision regarding the calculation of temporary disability benefits, or the actual weekly wages lost due to disability resulting from the injury, whichever is less.</p>		
<u>SB 1308</u>	<p>Existing law provides for the electronic monitoring of the prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II and Schedule III controlled substances by all practitioners authorized to prescribe or dispense these controlled substances. Existing law also prohibits anyone from obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge, or by the concealment of a material fact.</p> <p>This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to these provisions.</p>	Introduced: 2/17/04	Inactive
<u>SB 1322</u>	<p>Veterans: student financial aid. An act to amend Sections 66025.6, 69433.4, 69750, 69750.3, 69750.5, 69750.7, and 69751 of, and to repeal and add Section 69751.3 of, the Education Code, and to amend Section 981.8 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.</p>	Introduced: 2/23/4	Signed into law
<u>SB 1329</u>	<p>This bill would enact the Student Protection Act of 2004. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature that, when an increase in the tuition or mandatory system-wide fees charged to students attending public postsecondary institutions in this state is enacted, there be a waiting period of at least 90 days between the adoption of the increase and the time at which the student is assessed the increased amount, and no increase in tuition or mandatory system-wide fees exceed 10% of the previous fee or tuition levels in any calendar year.</p> <p>The bill would require the trustees to effectuate this intent by making an increase in tuition or mandatory system-wide fees operative after no less than 90 days have elapsed from</p>	Introduced: 2/18/04	Inactive

	<p>the date of the adoption of the increase and by prohibiting any increase in tuition or mandatory system-wide fee exceeding 10% in any calendar year.</p> <p>This bill would urge the regents to enact policies that are consistent with the intent of the Legislature expressed in the bill.</p> <p>This bill would also express the intent of the Legislature that any legislation adopted in the 2003–04 Regular Session or any subsequent session that would increase the \$18 registration fee charged to community college students should contain provisions that are consistent with the intent of the Legislature expressed in the bill.</p> <p>This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.</p>		
<u>SB 1366</u>	<p>This bill instead would require placement of a sexually violent predator into a conditional release program within 50 days of the court’s finding, and would require notice to local law enforcement agencies by the department or the Department of Corrections 45 days prior to making its recommendation to the court, or the court’s release of the sexually violent predator. This bill would authorize local law enforcement agencies that received notice pursuant to the bill to offer placement suggestions and alternatives to the department or court.</p> <p>This bill would require the department to provide reasonable public notice to the community into which a person committed as a sexually violent predator may be released, at least 45 days prior to the department’s submission of its recommendation to the court for conditional release. It would require the notice to include the name of the person who may be released into the community and a description of the specific crime or crimes for which the person was committed as a sexually violent predator. This bill would authorize the department to modify its placement recommendation based on the comments from law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>This bill would require a non-parolee who is conditionally released under these provisions to be placed in the county of civil commitment, except under extraordinary circumstances, as defined in the bill.</p>	Introduced: 2/18/04	Inactive
<u>SB 1429</u>	<p>Under existing law, a person who drives a motor vehicle is deemed to have given his or her consent to chemical testing of his or her blood or breath for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his or her blood, if lawfully arrested for any driving under the influence offense allegedly committed in violation of the statutes.</p>	<p>Introduced 2/19/04</p> <p>Amended: 4/27/04</p>	Inactive

	<p>This bill would extend the implied consent testing requirement to a person who, while driving, is involved in a traffic collision resulting in a death. The bill would also require a peace officer, if a person is so involved in a collision and refuses to take the test, to serve a notice of an order suspending or revoking the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle.</p>		
<u>SB 1515</u>	<p>Existing law requires that any person engaged in the business of processing or manufacturing any farm product shall post their license, or a copy of it, in an office or salesroom in plain view of the public.</p> <p>This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to this provision.</p>	<p>Introduced 2/19/04</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1589</u>	<p>The existing Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law regulates the packaging, labeling, and advertising of food, drugs, and cosmetics. That law also provides for the regulation by the department of persons engaged in activities relating to bottled, vended, hauled, and processed water. A violation of these provisions is a crime.</p> <p>Specifically, the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law requires the quality and labeling standards requirements for bottled water and vended water to include standards prescribed by federal regulations. In addition, existing law requires that bottled water and vended water may not exceed 10 parts per billion of total trihalomethanes or 5 parts per billion of lead unless the State Department of Health Services establishes a lower level by regulation.</p> <p>This bill would instead, require that only bottled water may not exceed 10 parts per billion of total trihalomethanes or 5 parts per billion of lead unless the department establishes a lower level by regulation. For vended water, the bill would require that it meet all maximum contaminant levels set for trihalomethanes and lead for public drinking water. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</p> <p>The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.</p>	<p>Introduced: 2/20/04 Last Amendment: 4/12/04</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1615</u>	<p>This bill would repeal that provision requiring a person to obtain a certificate of smog check compliance upon the registration of a motor vehicle that was previously registered outside this state and would instead make those motor vehicles subject to the same requirements as in-state</p>	<p>Introduced 2/20/04 Last amended: 9/23/04</p>	Signed into law

	<p>motor vehicles. The bill would make related conforming changes and delete obsolete references from existing law, and would provide that the deletions of obsolete references from existing law would only become operative if AB 2683 does not become operative, as specified.</p> <p>Under existing law, 1965 or older model vehicles previously registered outside this state, with certain exceptions, are exempt from existing requirements for obtaining a certificate of smog check compliance or certificate of noncompliance, as appropriate, as a condition of registration of the vehicle in this state.</p> <p>This bill would revise the exemption to apply instead to the registration of vehicles previously registered outside this state that are 30 or more model years old, unless Assembly Bill 2683 is also enacted, and both bills become effective on or before January 1, 2005, in which case this bill would revise existing law, operative April 1, 2005, to make the exemption applicable to the registration of 1976 and earlier model year vehicles that have been previously registered outside this state.</p>		
<u>SB 1649</u>	<p>This bill would require the director to collect restitution ordered on former wards of the California Youth Authority. The bill would make payment of these restitution fines a condition of parole. The bill would require the director to collect from the parolee any moneys owing on the restitution fine amount, unless prohibited by federal law, and to transfer that amount to the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for deposit in the Restitution Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would provide that if the restitution is owed to a person who has filed an application with the Victims of Crime Program, the director shall transfer that amount to the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for direct payment to the victim, or payment shall be made to the Restitution Fund to the extent that the victim has received assistance pursuant to that program. Because the Restitution Fund is a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.</p>	Introduced 2/20/04	Inactive
<u>SB 1705</u>	<p>Existing law, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires all local agencies to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on any project, as defined; that they intend to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA provides that,</p>	Introduced 2/20/04 Amended: 4/19/2004	Inactive

	<p>if a nonelected decision-making body of a local lead agency certifies an environmental impact report, approves a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration, or determines that a project is not subject to the act, that certification, approval, or determination may be appealed to the agency's elected decision-making body, if any.</p> <p>This bill would make a technical, non-substantive change in those provisions.</p>		
<u>SB 1751</u>	<p>Existing law requires the Department of General Services to maintain and update annually a complete and accurate statewide inventory of all real property held by the state and to categorize that inventory by agency and geographical location. The inventory is required to include specified information furnished by state agencies and the University of California.</p> <p>This bill would require the Department of General Services to make a database of this inventory available to the public through the department's Web site by July 1, 2006.</p>	<p>Introduced 2/20/04 Last Amended: 5/11/04</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1753</u>	<p>This bill would require the department to determine whether or not the use of the land is needed by any other state agency within 60 days of that land being reported as excess. The bill would require the department, if it determines that the land is needed by another state agency, to transfer the jurisdiction of the land to the other state agency within 6 months after that determination and upon the terms and conditions as it may deem to be for the best interests of the state, and to sell or otherwise dispose of that land if the transfer to the other state agency has not occurred within that 6-month period. Existing law requires that land that has been declared surplus by the Legislature and that is not needed by any state agency is to be offered to local governmental agencies. Existing law authorizes the department to transfer surplus state land at no cost or a cost below fair market value to local governmental agencies if specified conditions apply. This bill would require that land that has been declared surplus by the Legislature, and is not needed by any state agency, be offered to local governmental agencies at the same time the land is offered to all other interested parties and at fair market value.</p>	<p>Introduced 2/20/04 Last Amended: 8/05/04</p>	Inactive
<u>SB 1755</u>	<p>Existing law requires each state agency, on or before December 31 of each year, to make a review of all proprietary state lands, with specified exceptions, over which it has jurisdiction, to determine what, if any, land is in excess of its foreseeable needs, and to report thereon in writing to the Department of General Services. Existing law transfers jurisdiction of all land reported as excess to the</p>	<p>Introduced 2/20/04 Last Amended: 4/16/04</p>	Inactive

	<p>department. The department is required to sell the land or otherwise dispose of the property pursuant to statutory authorization, upon any terms and conditions and subject to any reservations and exemptions as the department may deem to be in the best interests of the state.</p> <p>This bill would require the Director of General Services to ensure that state agencies receive up to 15% of the sale of state surplus real property as a one-time expenditure for that agency subject to specified limitations and would provide a reward of 1/2% of the sales price of the surplus property, not to exceed \$5,000, to the agency employee or employees who disclosed the availability of the property.</p>		
<u>SB 1757</u>	<p>This bill would prohibit a state agency from purchasing a motor vehicle unless and until the purchase contract is approved by the Department of General Services. The bill would require each purchase contract to be transmitted to the department with all papers, estimates, price quotes, and recommendations concerning the purchase, and if approved by the department the purchase contract would be effective from the date of the approval.</p>	<p>Introduced 2/20/04 Chaptered: 9/30/04</p>	<p>Signed into law</p>

Appendix VI – Debate Transcripts

2010 05.22 ABC 30 Republican Primary Debate - Denham Questions and Answers

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Question: What are your conservative credentials?

Denham's response (3:52): "Well I'm conservative both on the social side as well as economics. My parents had me when they were teenagers and it wasn't a choice for them. I believe in the sanctity of life, I've always been a strong pro-life candidate. On guns, I believe in our right to bear arms. Not just for hunting, but for home protection in rural America. But it was something that I fought for in the military, our freedoms that set us apart. On economic issues, they tried to recall me because I would not support an unbalanced budget. I wouldn't support tax increases, and I fought back and I'm going to continue to fight back. What you see is what you get. I think they're real issues worth fighting for and our national debt is out of control. We can no longer allow China to control our economy, to control our national debt, over \$1 trillion they have of our \$14 trillion that we have today.

Question (7:57) – Ads running on several Valley TV stations and radio involving benefits for Gold Star families, explain how they are not a violation of federal election law, has Denham contributed any money from state senate account to any group involved producing the ad?

Denham's response (8:25) – "Well, first of all, let me start with that. Yes I have. I've donated over \$2,500 and also given them a loan for the capital start of the concert itself. It's not electioneering. You'll see on the ads it says state senator Jeff Denham. I have a job to do. I've been elected by the people of our community to represent them in the state senate. I've done it proudly. I'm a veteran who's served my country. I don't shrink away from either of those responsibilities. I have introduced a bill on the Gold Star license plate, I currently chair the veteran's committee, and the Gold Star license plate now that we've gotten it signed and passed, we need to raise the funds to honor those that have served our country and those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. So, I'm proud of what I'm doing, but the question is, the others should be willing to contribute as well. Richard Pombo is a big cattle rancher, we've got an executive producer over here, Larry Westerlund has served his country, so I don't expect him to contribute. But have the others contribute too. And I'm sure they can be involved in the concert as well. But it's something I'm very proud of, and I hope everyone turns out for the benefit concert itself. "

Question: How will you keep water sources reliable, renewable, and clean?

Denham's response (13:45) – "Well, we've seen several sort of bonds over the last decade on water quality, the real issue is water storage. We have a bond on the November ballot that is doomed to fail right now. I believe that we first need to amend it, take out the pork that people are questioning, things that have nothing to do with water storage and all. Then, move it to 2012, an amendment that we can make through the legislature. But the real question is, what do we do now? I'm a farmer here. We have farms that are going out of business, farms that can't hire people today, and we have an economy that has 20 percent unemployment. We need solutions today. The time for asking permission is over. It's obvious the Obama administration does not want to turn on the pumps. We've got to take action into our own hands. Now, a year ago they said this couldn't happen. We've seen it with Arizona. We need to take the states rights issues into our own hands

and let the rest of the nation know that we're going to fight for the rest of the world. We've got rights here and this is one of our rights. This isn't government water – it's our water."

Question: How do you pay for water issues?

Denham's response (17:30) – "I believe it's a pay as you go. We currently have a water bond right now today, but that bond needs to be amended. We need to amend it and move it to a future year as I said before. On our roads, we passed a transportation bond. \$1 billion on Highway 99 will help to fix our through fares here locally. But the real issue is from a national perspective earmarks. You know, there are a lot out there that ask for earmarks, you know, "The Bridge to Nowhere", a lot of these famous projects that get hidden into bills, I believe that's un-American. I've taken a pledge against it. Now, I will go out there and fight in the budget, in transparency, but I think we've not only got to get rid of earmarks, we've got to reduce our debt in the process. And the only way to reduce our debt is not just to get rid of this wasteful spending but we need to have more revenue coming in and that's done by tax cuts and getting businesses running again."

Question: He said he's against earmarks, but is he against farm subsidies?

Denham's response (20:43) – "Actually, if you look at California farming, we get far fewer subsidies than the rest of the nation, even though we are the number one ag-state. So, absolutely, I think we can wean ourselves off of the subsidies. It's something we should be striving for this year and every year."

Question: Is there any earmark he would vote for?

Denham's response (26:01) – "The answer is no. I'm the only one up here who's actually taken a pledge against earmarks. I think it's important, just like you take a pledge against taxes. This is something that's un-American, just by its very name of earmarks. It suggests that it's a pay off. You should be able to fight for it in the budget if it's something that's important to your community and it has a national issue. So, it's something that we need to all say no to. We shouldn't be holding up an equipment bill for our military and put them in harm's way because you're trying to hide something in the middle of the night into a bill."

Question: Immigration, how do you deal with 12 million illegal immigrants and provide labor for Central Valley farms and secure borders?

Denham's response (29:55) – "Well there are some that are saying this is too complicated, or we've got magnets, or we need to piece-meal this all together. You know it's not just about rounding them up. It's about enforcing our laws, one by one. As our police officers pull over somebody and they find they don't have the proper documentation and they're breaking the law, we need to enforce that law. And yes, that means deportation. In the long term, absolutely we've got to have a program that works. But today, we've got real problems. Arizona has taken those problems into their own hands. If a small state like Arizona can do it, our large ag-economy, our large state, our big economic driver can do it as well."

Question: does Arizona immigration law invite racial profiling? Would it work in California?

Denham's response (33:04) – "No, I don't think that it invites racial profiling. In fact, if you read the bill I think it states exactly the opposite. It has a mandate in there against racial profiling. But we need to do a better job here in this state. Absolutely, we've got to secure our borders, not just with a wall or a fence, but making sure there are no tunnels or no other ways to get through and

making sure that we actually have a workforce along our border whether that's state border patrol, or if we're not getting any federal support, we move our National Guard in there. Having a guest worker program, we had a bracero program that worked. There were some problems with it, but rather than throw it out, we need to make it workable. My wife is first generation here, her father came over in the bracero program and he was looking for a better life, sending money home to the family, and then he eventually got his legal citizenship. We have a legal way to citizenship here, but break the law, we've got to enforce those laws."

Question: What should be done at federal level to prevent future BP like oil disasters? Do you support Gov. Schwarzenegger's stop on offshore drilling on California coast

Denham's response (37:34) – "First of all, on Tranquilia Ranch, the oil project that the governor first supported, it is a new technology. It's land drilling that goes into the ocean from land. It's a new type of technology that we need. The problem is, we've got these old oil wells that sat out there for years with no maintenance because of law suits, and some of them are now falling apart. So rather than build backwards because we're in a time of crisis, we need to move forward and not only make sure we're taking the old oil wells out, but drilling the new ones that are supported, this one, the Tranquilia Ranch off the Santa Barbara coast was supported by a number of different environmental groups, because it is new technology that is much better than the oil wells that are off the coast right now. But we've got to become self-sufficient as a nation. We can no longer rely on other nation's oil and it's time that we look at our own oil exploration, and this should not halt that."

Question: What is more important in choosing ally – strategic allies no matter their government structure or guiding moral principles of a nation?

Denham's response (45:23) – "Strategic. We need to have strategic partners around the world and not be the big brother of everybody on every problem. Our national debt continues to go to the point where we can't afford it and our national economy begins to collapse. Now as strategic we've got to be ready for the future as we were with Desert Storm. I served over in Saudi Arabia and it was amazing. We knew that Iraq was a threat and when they invaded Kuwait, we were ready. We had equipment there, we took care of the situation very quickly, and we had a mission to define when we were going to leave and when that mission was complete. But we've got to have strategic partners."

Question: How would you work with Democrats?

Denham's response (51:49) – "Well, I do think that this election cycle, Republicans are going to take over Congress, but with that being said I think it's important that once elections are over, it's time for all members to work together, Republicans and Democrats. I've got to tell you, the recall was the worst thing I could have ever went through. It challenged me to my core. But the very next day I had a district wide issue, a statewide issue, and Don launched the recall against me, I had to work with him on that issue. You've got to put differences aside and be able to accomplish things for your community."

Denham's closing statement (53:40) – "Well, thank you. You've heard a lot of things in this campaign. It started with some tough attacks. I know the day that I announced, when George Voinovich asked me to run, the first thing that came out of Jim Patterson's mouth was 'I was just looking for another job'. I take great offense to that. I've served my country, I started my own business, I'm a Valley farmer, When he

calls me a liar, I think we need to make sure that we're actually talking about our records. So either apologize, Jim Patterson, or sit down and debate me. We have records to talk about. I'm proud of mine and you can be proud of yours as well."

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<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/video?id=7451850>

Denham's Opening Statement - 00:00 – "I can tell you, a really defining moment for me, something I'll never forget, is when I was in the second grade, I was going to the grocery store with my mom, and we went up to the checkout stand, no different from any other time we'd been there, and I saw my mom, she was really nervous, she was shaking. She was embarrassed. And I saw her pull out a packet that I'd never seen before. It was a packet of food stamps. Now, I came from a proud family. My father was a very proud man. But seeing my mom's hand shake as she pulled out those food stamps, it was tough asking the government for help. I also spent a lot of time growing up with my grandparents. My grandfather and grandmother met in World War II, went through the depression, my grandfather was a police officer, he volunteered for the Korean War. My wife Sonia and I, we first met, and we knew that our lives were going to have challenges. I went off to Reserve Duty quite a bit, served in Desert Storm and Somalia, but I also chose a career in the agriculture industry that caused me to have to commute back and forth and spend the winters in Yuma, Arizona. These are experiences that defined my values, My parents, my Christian upbringing, they define who I am today. When I first ran for the Senate, very, very tough campaign. They said a Republican couldn't win. It was a very challenging thing to go through in my early thirties. But the real challenge was in the last month of that campaign, my father became very, very ill. And, I took the month off not only from my campaign but from my business to go tend to him. I've got my priorities straight. I'm pro life, I believe the right to bear arms is not just for hunting or home protection, in our rural communities, it's a freedom that I and other families fought for. And when Congressman Radanovich called me and asked me to run, I asked him "Why? Why me?" And it was not only for my principled stance on the budget but also how I stood strong during the recall, even when the Dems pushed hard, spent millions against me"

Question: Illegal immigration – Should anyone here as an illegal immigrant be arrested, detained, and deported? What would that do to the agricultural economy of the valley and the overall economy?

Denham's response - 16:16 – "A simple answer is, yes, we've got to uphold the laws of our state, laws of our nation, but as a state senator, one of the calls that I get frequently is those families who came here legally that are working here legally, and somehow lost their immigration status, through no fault of their own, because we've got a bureaucracy that doesn't work. So we've helped them to work through that bureaucracy. It's something that we must look at during the whole immigration debate. But absolutely, we've got to secure our borders. It's a state's right issue, that we've got to take care of our own state. I applaud what Arizona has done. The federal government has not fulfilled its obligation, whether you're talking about education funding, the funding of illegal immigrants that are incarcerated in our prisons, our hospitals, it is an expense that has gone out of control, and if the federal government is not going to take control of their responsibility, it becomes a state's rights issue. We've got to defend our borders."

Question: How to you get funding for border militarization, to round up immigrants? Where would you cut from budget?

Denham's response (21:31) – "This is too big of an issue not to address. First, absolutely, we've got to make sure we have a secure border. But as far as rounding people up, again you have to look at how they came here in the first place. Did they come here illegally or did they come here legally and just have citizenship expire? You know, my wife's here tonight, she's first-generation, her father came over the bracero program, legally, and then went through the process of becoming a citizen here in our great country. That system has not only failed, but it is flawed. So, we absolutely have to change the system, and there are going to be some costs to that. We're going to have to have a secure ID program. I expect, though, that the cost of not addressing it is too great. Again, on our prisons, on our schools, on our medical systems, on our hospitals, and we're putting law enforcement in a position where they're now ignoring some of the problems because they're not being enforced in our jails. They're not being deported. And we're allowing crime to continue on. The question isn't whether we can or whether we should. We have to address this problem."

Question: Amnesty and the bracer program brought about by Reagan. 70% of West Side workforce is illegal. How do you fix that? It seems like no one wants to do those jobs. Do you do an amnesty or guest worker program? What's the solution?

Denham's response (27:34) – "You know, you brought up the bracer program, that is a form of a guest worker program. At one time it did work. People came here legally, made a living, sent money back to their families, when the season was over, they went back to their families. It was a great opportunity for them to prosper in this country. They came to this country because they were able to get a better life and send money home. But that's now changed. And we've got to change that dynamic back."

(32:11) – "You know, we absolutely need new technology, there's a secure ID that's been thrown around in Congress for years now, but absent of that, what is being talked about up here is putting our farmers as law enforcement agencies. Putting our businesses as the cops that have to enforce our immigration laws. We're going to put the farms out of business. You know, as a business owner, I can check somebody's ID. I get their driver's license, I get their Social Security card. But if they're false IDs, our businesses and our farms have no way of policing that. They're going to put our farms out of business."

Question: All want pumps turned on to get water to valley farmers, but to do so involves Endangered Species Act and more. What, besides rhetoric, would you realistically do to get more water to farmers?

Denham's response (38:19) – "Alright, two things. In 2006 I authored SB 902, which is a water bond, and we had a valley coalition, Republicans and Democrats actually working together, got it through the assembly before it sat in the Water Parks and Wildlife Committee, and to the point where we had the chair roll. We had the votes, and the Speaker of the time started calling members not only down the his office, but started removing members from committee and started replacing them with other members, because they knew that this was such a strong issue for the valley, that our lives depended - my farm depends on it. I also co-authored S.B. 59 the next year, which guaranteed temperance flat. But I'm the only one up here who's really been talking about taking positions on issues. I'm against the water bond. It needs to be amended, we've got to take the pork out of it, we need to put a guarantee on it, and we need to move it to 2012 when we can actually pass it. Now, short term, we're still going to need to do something. We're going to need an exemption on an issue, it's 5937 on which he had an AG opinion on, that Firant used to release

water under that AG decision. There's a bill. I've got a bill right now that will do that, that will get this job done, but we need both state cooperation as well as on the federal level. We're going to need to amend ESA. But this is something that our valley depends on, that our economy depends on, that my farm depends on."

Question: Specifically, how will you pay for new infrastructure re. militarization of border, border fence, temperance flats, where will you cut from budget?

Denham's response (44:12) – "Now, I'm not against all bonds. I'm just against the ones that have too much pork in them, that are not going to pass the voters and have no guarantee that we're going to have water storage. I want to see a water bond. I want to see a water bond that will guarantee we have to storage we need here in the valley. I want to see a water bond that doesn't have the pork in it. Transportation bond, we put a billion dollars into Highway 99. You're seeing Highway 99 expanded for the first time in decades. It's an important issue in infrastructure. But I was faced with the same decision in the first days when I came in the Senate. John Burton was the pro tem at the time and that's exactly what he said – 'We have a huge deficit. What are you going to do, Denham? If you're not going to raise taxes, what are you going to do?' I said, we're going to cut waste. Let's take the same look at what we own the same way we'd do in a business. Let's get rid of San Juen. It wasn't a new idea. I got that from Ronald Reagan when he was governor. But it's a \$2 billion piece of property that cost us hundreds of millions of dollars to maintain every year. We shouldn't own golf courses all over the state, you know we get less than \$3 dollars a day for the golf course in Oakland. We shouldn't own the LA Coliseum and Sports Arena. Those are not things that help the people in the Central Valley. And you think there's not that same kind of waste from the federal government? Properties that we shouldn't own, properties that we continue to buy and not upkeep? We have real problems in this nation. There is money out there. We've just got to run a smarter business."

Question: Denham did not reside in 19th District – if elected would he move into the district?

Denham's response (2:10) – "Well, I think I know the issues very well. I don't think Jim understood the issues any less when he ran against Devin Nunez for a different congressional seat. But, I have represented this area now for 8 years in the Senate. This is my 8th year. I go to church in this district, I shop in this district, I represent over 100,000 constituents today. I fought hard for our community for 8 years even through a recall, because I wasn't going to be bullied, or pressured through someone outside of our area to dictate what happens here in the Central Valley. We've got real issues here. I know the water issue. I know what it's like to farm here. I farm here currently. So, we've got some real issues, I think I've got a pretty good command of them. ('Will you move here, then?') Uh, redistricting is next year. Let's see what those lines look like, but right now I'm going to continue to shop in this district and go to church in this district. I'd have to ask my wife first."

Question: Is healthcare a right? If not, does the federal or state government have a role to play in assisting the poor who cannot afford it?

Denham's response (6:35) – "Well I certainly don't feel that it's a right. It is something that we work for, it is something that we fund within our families, we fund within our businesses, and, you know, we currently have a Medicare, Medicaid system, and we do have the poor coming into our emergency rooms. So we do have a system. Now, our system is broken today and we do need some fixes. There are some things Republicans and Democrats could agree on. We did not need to

shove a new health care system down the throats of Americans. It is a system that not only needs to be defunded, but we need to repeal the current healthcare bill. ('Let me repeat the last part of my question – should the poor be left to fend for themselves?') We currently have Medicare and Medicaid. The poor can go to the hospital today. They can receive services. Our emergency rooms are flooded right now. So, certainly there needs to be some reforms, but we are a caring nation. We're a caring society that certainly cares for our poor today and will do so in the future."

Question: Medicare costs not adequately covering costs of care. How will people at absolute bottom of scale pay for medical care? How do you do this realistically?

Denham's response (18:34) – "Well it's not just a federal issue. It's a states issue as well. Every year we see a universal healthcare bill, socialized medicine, whatever you want to call it, that bill comes up in the state legislature. And every year, the Republican caucus, we always have a number of ideas that go down in partisan flames dealing with competition, dealing with cutting down the cost of billing cycles, but I don't think anybody up here has a real blueprint for fixing the situation. I'd say I don't know. It's something that we're going to have to address. It's about priorities. I can tell you, I didn't know much about healthcare other than from my own personal family. When I was elected to the Senate, I had a job to do. And you've gotta make priorities. Priorities in budget, but also have real world solutions on how you cut the size of government. We've been successful in doing that. The boxes the Governor talked about blowing up, we got rid of some of those departments. I carried the bill. We talked about getting rid of some of those state properties. I've carried the bill every year and we've reduced the size of government in those instances. We've gotta do the same thing on the federal level. It's gonna come down to priorities. Until we get our federal deficit under control, until we reduce the \$14 trillion we have in debt right now, we're not going to be able to address any situation or pay for anything. We can't rely on foreign governments to own our economy. So we've got some real challenges ahead of us, I believe in permanent tax cuts and as a business owner I know that's one thing that would allow me to hire more employees, that's something that would help my business and help the economy of the Central Valley."

Question: Where do you stand on the water bond? What can you do on the federal level to support state infrastructure?

Denham's response (24:03) – "Well, this is the great thing about these debates. You finally hear what our positions are on these issues. You know, this is one of those issues that you've got to look at who you want to lead you in the future. Who is going to have that leadership and responsibilities in the middle of the night when we do vote on this stuff? Now, this is an issue that has come up throughout the years. I've carried bonds, Senator Cogdill has carried bonds, I've worked with him on this. You know, I've got to congratulate him because he's taken this water debate further than it's ever gone before. And as a good friend of mine, it wasn't easy telling him 'no'. There was a lot of pressure from Republicans who said 'This is the best that we're going to get'. Well, the best wasn't good enough and it's not going to pass the support of the voters. The voters see how much pork is in this bond. They see how much pork is going to other things other than water. And we can't afford it. Now, that's one of those decisions you make in the middle of the night, one of the middle of the night votes when nobody's looking and you wonder how the people of your district are going to react. It's one of those times when you put your career on the line. I could have made the popular vote with my caucus, the popular vote with my governor, but it wasn't the right thing to do. The voters are going to see to that. You can see it going down in

flames today and if you want real water storage, we need to amend this bill, take the pork out of it, and move it to 2012 as we've done with so many other bonds. But this is important. Because environmentalists, if this bond fails and it goes on the November ballot, will champion that up and down the state. And they'll say, 'See? Look! Nobody wants real water storage'. And they'll continue to try and tear it down and we can't let that happen. "

Question: Will you be an anti-Obama Republican who opposes everything the president proposes? Why? What do they have to offer besides saying no?

Denham's response (30:04) – "Absolutely saying no if they're bad ideas, but Republicans have continued to offer a lot of ideas. We're just still waiting for the transparent government that Obama talked about. We need transparency. You know, I still expect my opponent to take a pledge against earmarks. They're un-American. But you can't take a pledge against earmarks if you've asked for them. And those are the things that are driving our budgets out of control. And, yeah, I'll be voting no on those bills that hold up military spending because they've got earmarks, whether it's the Bridge to Nowhere, and a \$1.5 million swimming pool. We can't afford it. We've got to change government as we know it. Now, elections are tough. But when elections are over, it's time to get to work. If we're going to fight for the Valley, we've got to make sure that we're holding Valley representatives together, working together. Bringing good ideas together and push transparency. You know, I've had a lot of successes in Sacramento even though I've been in the minority for so many years. Last year I passed the only tax cut in our state for disabled veterans. It was on Fox News. You can work with people as long as you have good ideas and you're doing it in transparency."

Question: What role has U.S. District Judge Oliver W. Wanger played in the Delta water supply issue that impacted the west side?

Denham's response (35:38) – "Well, he's enforced the current law. The current law is what needs to be changed, the Endangered Species Act. Or change it from the state's perspective so we can actually have something with an AG opinion like Friant used to work under. ("Has he played any role in driving the role of water cutbacks?") Absolutely, he has. He's following what the current law is right now, and government right now thinks its government's water, not farmer's water. Yeah, I believe that as a judge he is following current law, that current law needs to be changed. It's frustrating as a valley farmer to see that every year, it's a water allocation. Not one that you can take to the bank and borrow against your crops, but it's a guessing game on how much are we going to get this year? Well, it depends on what the issues are and if we buy somebody off. So, we need to change current law, both on a federal, and I think at the state level."

(41:15) – "I want to address something. KMJ, I think it stands for kill and maim Jeff. It seems like every day you guys have something new. Once again, a lot of talk has been about the budgets that I voted on. I'm very proud of my record. I voted for 2 budgets. But the revisionist history that rush Limbaugh talked about is what KMJ continues to talk about. They forget that 29 Republicans voted for that bill. Conservatives like Chuck DeMorr, Dick Ackman, Kevin McCarthy, that's Devin Nunez's mentor, Kevin McCarthy. You know, Valley leaders supported that budget so I'm proud to have supported those 2 budgets."

Denham's closing statement (48:44) – "Well, the recall was something I thought would be the toughest thing I ever had to go through in politics, politics at its worst. Democrats spent over \$14 million against me but not even in the recall did they challenged my ethics. The day that I started my campaign, Jim

Patterson started the attacks. Said that I was looking for another job. I take great offense to that. On KMJ, just like everything else we've had on here. Do you tonight, Jim? I'm not looking for another job. I served my country honorably in Desert Storm and Somalia, put myself through college, graduated from CalPoly San Luis Obispo, I've got a career in agriculture. Started Denham plastics 12 years ago and it's going well. I bought land here, planted trees, raised my kids here. When you attack my family name, you're attacking my honesty and my integrity. Family name, as you know, my son, he watches what I do. And when you call somebody a liar, you ought to be able to back it up with facts. So Jim, I challenge you to another debate. You know, we've all been on 940, we've all been on KMJ quite a few times, but the mayors here, let's have a debate. Let's talk about issues. The people have a right to know. Let's talk about the records."

Appendix VII – Editorials

War may be winding down, but story isn't over for veterans

In November 2011, Denham wrote an editorial in the Merced Sun-Star for veterans day:

When President Woodrow Wilson designated November 11 a day to honor our nation's veterans, he was welcoming home a generation of servicemembers from World War I. With American troops expected out of Afghanistan by 2014 and out of Iraq by the end of this year, we have a new generation of brave men and women returning home.

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan come to a close, there will be a tendency to believe that this story is over. Nothing could be further from the truth. In the next two years, several hundred thousand men and women will return home from overseas. Making sure they have the care and benefits they have earned is up to us. In the generations to come, it will be our most important responsibility.

Several weeks ago, we had the opportunity to visit our servicemembers in Afghanistan. They are in good spirits, they are performing their mission professionally and they are proud of what they have been able to accomplish. As we were touring a hospital in Bagram one night, we turned a corner to find two American servicemembers rocking Afghan children to sleep. Even after a long, hard day they came on their own time to provide comfort to those kids. That kind of compassion speaks volumes about the character of the men and women serving our nation in uniform.

Above all else, our trip underscored the importance of making sure servicemembers and their families have the support they need when they return from active duty and transition to civilian life.

While in Kandahar, we saw tremendous progress in the care our servicemembers receive after suffering a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The high-quality care our servicemembers receive in the field and advances in medical technology are saving the lives of Americans we may have lost in earlier wars. But that care is only a part of their recovery journey. As they return home, we need to do a better job of rehabilitating them physically and mentally to improve the quality of their lives and the lives of their families.

While we have come a long way in improving care for our veterans and service members, our work is never done. We can prevent many problems veterans face by making sure there are no cracks to fall through when a servicemember leaves the military. That means ensuring things like easy transition of medical records to the VA; access to good jobs or education opportunities; the tools to start a business or support for military families as they transition too.

These are some of the most difficult economic times our nation has ever faced. But our returning heroes are talented, they are capable and they have made incredible sacrifices.

They have left behind their homes, their families and their jobs to serve our nation. The least we can do is make sure they have access to a good paying job when they return.

To help accomplish that goal, we have been supportive of legislation that helps veterans transition and promotes the skills they learned in service to our country to employers. Our committee has also pledged to work on getting veterans unemployment to less than 5 percent over the next two years.

We both serve together on the House Veterans Affairs Committee. While we are not members of the same political party, we both strongly believe honoring our veterans' sacrifices requires us to put our partisan differences aside and focus on problem-solving. We have confidence that we can continue to make progress for our nation's veterans in a bipartisan way.

Now is the time for us to keep our promises. Simply put, our servicemembers have been there for us and now it is our turn to be there for them. This Veterans Day, as we reflect on the sacrifices these brave men and women have made, let's commit ourselves to sacrificing for them.

To our veterans and their families: thank you for your service and for everything you have done to make this nation the greatest country on earth.

Denham, R-Atwater, represents California's 19th Congressional District. Walz is a Democrat representing Minnesota in the House. [[Merced Sun-Star](#), 11/11/11]

Why Doesn't Congress Want a Balanced Budget

In November 2011, Denham wrote an editorial in the Modesto Bee on the Balanced Budget Amendment:

Our country's national debt exceeded \$15 trillion this week. Our debt has tripled in the past 15 years and is set to surpass our total gross domestic product for the first time since World War II.

This week, Congress had an opportunity to ensure a brighter future for our kids and grandkids by passing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. The amendment failed and once again, Congress failed to take an opportunity to enact serious, common-sense reforms. Our debt will only continue to paralyze our economy and jeopardize the future prosperity of our nation. Now is the time for accountability in Washington.

A balanced budget amendment is not a partisan idea; it's one that has been embraced by members of both parties and a majority of the American people.

Simply put, it would force government to spend within its means. In fact, 15 years ago the House passed a balanced budget amendment with an overwhelming majority; unfortunately, that amendment failed in the Senate by just one vote. Had this amendment passed, we would not be facing the debt crisis threatening our economy and our country's future today. Hasn't Congress learned its lesson?

Job creators across the country are desperately seeking any sense of certainty in their government. Today, the out-of-control government spending is harming the ability of businesses to plan their own budgets.

Uncertainty is preventing them from investing in new projects and hiring more workers. A balanced budget amendment would provide a permanent fiscal solution to shield job-creators from the roller coaster of federal spending that distorts the market, crowds out borrowing and requires excessive taxation.

As a small-business owner and a father of two, I know, as all of you do, that we can only spend what we take in. Every day we make decisions about the amount we spend based on the revenue we have earned; and recently, we've cut back. It has been tough, and more than ever we need Washington to start living in this same reality.

I want to put our nation back on the path to honest budgeting. The American people support a balanced budget amendment, and it is time that Washington gets on board.

Denham, R-Atwater, currently represents the 19th District in Congress and will be running in 2012 for the new 10th District, which includes all of Stanislaus County and most of southern San Joaquin County. [[Modesto Bee](#), 11/19/11]

Feds Are Sitting on Assets that Could Spur Development

In February 2012, Denham wrote an editorial in the Washington Post, which was then reprinted in the Merced Sun-Star, on the need for his Civilian Property Realignment Act and government waste:

I recently held my second hearing in a vacant and freezing pavilion located on prime real estate in our nation's capital.

More than one year ago, I held my first hearing in the Old Post Office Pavilion, an empty and dilapidated portion of the Old Post Office building that, for the past decade, has cost the taxpayer in excess of \$6.5 million each year. Sitting only a few blocks from the White House, this property is a costly reminder that government has an awful track record of getting rid of government waste.

I am disheartened that it has taken a decade for Congress to force the Office of Management and Budget and the General Services Administration (to take action on redeveloping one of the nation's most valuable properties. After years of intense scrutiny, and a federal law, GSA finally opened the property up to private developers to make bids. Immediately, name brand companies such as Hilton, Hyatt, Marriott, Montage, Waldorf-Astoria and Donald Trump lined up at the opportunity to put their stamp on the property.

Earlier this month, the Trump Organization was announced as the preferred developer. Whether or not you approve of Trump's selection, the fact is redevelopment of the Old Post Office will create upwards of 200 construction jobs and 200 long-term jobs to operate the newly opened luxury hotel and restaurants. Hundreds of millions of private dollars will be poured into the building and the surrounding area; the government will receive millions of dollars in lease payments and the taxpayer will not be on the hook for the cost of maintaining these empty buildings.

In a time when the government is struggling for ways to reduce our debt, how GSA or OMB have not acted more swiftly in filling this building is exemplary of the fact that government has little interest in cutting waste.

The delays with the Old Post Office Pavilion demonstrate the need for my bill, H.R. 1734, the Civilian Property Realignment Act. The bill passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support, and should be signed into law as soon as possible. The act will force executive agencies to stop sitting on valuable assets so the government can sell or lease them to the private sector to allow for development and economic and job growth in our communities.

We have a great challenge in this country. We are currently \$15 trillion in debt and our annual deficit currently stands at more than \$1 trillion for the fourth year in a row. Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, support raising taxes on the wealthy or cutting spending, I think everyone can agree: What we are finally seeing here with the development of the Old Post Office is a win both for the government and the American tax payer. If my bill, the Civilian Property Realignment Act, is implemented we will see this replicated across the nation time and again.

Hundreds of millions of dollars will flow into local communities creating jobs and easing the economic burden on American taxpayers. This legislation will also bring in billions in new revenue without raising taxes. We must continue to push government to making these decisions quickly and to take a full account of our inventory. The nation deserves nothing less.

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