

(Washington, DC) - U.S. Representative Jason Altmire (PA-4) today joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives to support legislation that will make America safer by finally enacting the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. The Conference Report on H.R. 1 is one of the most critical bills of the 110th Congress and is a major step in advancing the "Six for '06" agenda. The House passed the conference report this afternoon by a vote of 371 to 40.

**"The latest National Intelligence Estimate contains the alarming news that Al-Qaeda is as strong as it was in the days leading up to the terrorist attacks on 9/11,"** said Congressman Altmire. **"This legislation will make America safer by enacting the recommendations of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission. This bill is a significant step forward in protecting the American people and improving our national security."**

The Conference Report on H.R. 1 includes a number of long-overdue steps to substantially improve homeland security and better protect America from terrorism - ranging from ensuring that first responders have the equipment they need to strengthening efforts to prevent WMDs from falling into terrorist hands. The measure will require 100% scanning of U.S.-bound seaborne containers before they leave foreign ports within five years, and also requires 100% screening of cargo on passenger aircraft within three years.

**"Previous sessions of Congress failed over the last three years to enact the 9/11 Commission's recommendations,"** added Congressman Altmire. **"This is a significant, major accomplishment for the 110th Congress. We are meeting the commitment we made as part of the "Six for '06" to strengthen our homeland security."**

The House vote follows last night's Senate passage of the Conference Report on H.R. 1 by a vote 85 to 8. The bill now moves to the president's desk for signature.