

# 2010 DCCC Thanksgiving Cheat Sheet

Tired of relatives doing their Rush Limbaugh impression at the Thanksgiving table? Come prepared: Use our cheat sheet below and tell them some of the major accomplishments Democrats achieved over the last two years.

## **Democratic Accomplishments from 2009-2010:**

**Health Insurance Reform**, to recognize health care as a right, not a privilege and put a stop to the worst abuses by insurance companies including discrimination against people with pre-existing medical conditions. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]

**The Economic Recovery Act**, to save and create millions of jobs and cut taxes for 98 percent of Americans. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]

**The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act**, to make the largest investment in college aid in American history. [OPPOSED BY 100 % OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]

**Wall Street Reform**, to rein in reckless practices on Wall Street, end taxpayer-funded bail-outs and "too big to fail" institutions, and protect and empower consumers. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]

**Extension of Unemployment Benefits**, to extend benefits to millions of Americans who have lost their jobs in the Bush recession and to stimulate economic activity.

**Cash for Clunkers**, to jumpstart America's auto industry and spur the sale of 700,000 new vehicles. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]

**Credit Card Holders Bill of Rights**, to ban the worst practices by credit card companies and provide tough new consumer protections. [OPPOSED BY HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERS]

**Hate Crimes Prevention**, to extend federal protection to people who are victims of violent crime because of their gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

**The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act**, to save or create the jobs of 161,000 teachers, and thousands of police officers, and firefighters while closing tax loopholes that encourage big corporations to ship American jobs overseas.

**The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act**, to restore the rights of women and other workers to challenge unfair pay and help close the wage gap where women earn 78 cents for every \$1 that a man earns in America. [OPPOSED BY A MAJORITY OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS]

**The HIRE Act**, to provide tax incentives for businesses to hire more Americans (4.5 million Americans have already been hired) and unleashing billions of dollars to rebuild highways and other infrastructure, and to crack down on offshore tax havens for the wealthy.

**Children's Health Insurance legislation**, to provide affordable health care coverage to 11 million children, who would otherwise go without coverage.

**Tobacco Regulation**, to have the FDA regulate the manufacture and marketing of tobacco, especially to children.

**Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO)**, to bring back the Clinton-era rule that requires all new policies that reduce revenues or expand entitlement spending be offset over five and ten years and therefore not increase the deficit. This spending rule led to the record surpluses during the Clinton Administration.

**Stem Cell Research**, to end former President Bush's ban on federal funding for lifesaving embryonic stem cell research. [ENACTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER]

**Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services**, to provide help for those who provide care to disabled, sick, or injured veterans and improve health care services to women veterans.