

## **110th Congress: Democrats Working Hard to Bring Change to America**

During the 251 days that the 110th Congress has met thus far, Democrats worked hard to address the pressing needs of the American people. Democrats worked in a bipartisan manner to enact into law key legislation to rebuild our economy, strengthen our national security, care for our veterans, protect our planet, restore accountability, and provide needed support for America's children and families.

**The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress met more often than the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress, which met a total of 204 days – meeting 124 days in the 1<sup>st</sup> session and 80 days before the election in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session:**

	<u><b>109<sup>th</sup> Congress</b></u>	<u><b>110<sup>th</sup> Congress</b></u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Session (actual days in session)	124 days	152 days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session (days before Election Day)	80 days	99 days
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204 days</b>	<b>251 days</b>

**The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress also worked more 4- and 5-day work weeks than the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress:**

	<u><b>109<sup>th</sup> Congress</b></u>	<u><b>110<sup>th</sup> Congress</b></u>
4-day work weeks	18	29
5-day work weeks	7	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR:**

- The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress met for a total of 251 days, surpassing the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress which met for a total of 204 days
- The House was in session 99 days this year before Election Day – significantly more than the 80 days the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress met in 2006 before the election
- The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress increased the number of four- and five-day workweeks from the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress:
  - During the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, the House met for 39 four- and five-day workweeks, while the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress had 25
  - In 2008, the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress met for 12 four- and five-day workweeks, while the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress had 10 four- and five-day workweeks in 2006

- The Democrats of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress met on more Mondays than the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress:
  - 39 Mondays in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, up from 18 in the 109<sup>th</sup> Do-Nothing Congress
  - 13 Mondays in 2008 year, up from 9 Mondays in 2006

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

In its 251 days in session, the Democratic 110th Congress focused on a variety of issues important to the American people and enacted into law quality legislation addressing our economy, national security, veterans, environment, and America's children and families, as well as many others. Please click on the following links to view additional information on accomplishments under the Democratic 110th Congress:

[Accomplishments Under the Democratic 110th Congress](#)

[The House Has Made Progress, Passing Over 230 Key Measures—  
More Than 70 Percent with Significant Bipartisan Support](#)