

## C-Span: Watch what happens to Americans Line Item Veto

We had to sit up late this month to catch the Congressional action didn't we? Most importantly, the House Democrats pushed through their "bogus" line item veto bill. Now Karen English can tell us she indeed did vote for Line item veto. The "real line item veto" that we wanted was defeated, although Sam Coppersmith covered his bases by voting for both, according to the AZ Republic today. Also, Mrs. English voted against the amendment to give the President power to cancel special-interest tax breaks. Unbelievable! Oh well, we can vote again in 1994. Too bad we can't trade for Jay Kim of CA - isn't he great?

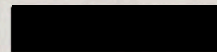
As usual, it was fascinating to see how differently the media reported events that we watched. Those filibustering kept saying they'd support the "stimulus" bill if it were to be paid for by matching

spending cuts and not added to the national debt. We didn't hear any press mention this aspect, but instead, it focused on "political gridlock". Perhaps CSPAN 1 will carry portions of the Senate so we can watch the next episode of these issues as that other body considers them. Did you notice that the bill included something like 59 million dollars for Iraqi soldiers relief? Who in the world do you suppose slipped that one in?

One bill to watch is HR 349, which would make laws that Congress passes also apply to them. You might want to tell your Representatives Karen English (1-800-573-1314) and Sam Coppersmith (921-5500) how you feel about that issue.

Health care is a major concern to us. Today CSPAN pointed out that there are twenty-one House and Senate Com-

mittees now considering health care legislation. Do you think they'll arrange for all of us to have one of those \$99 per month policies that Congressional members have? It appears that something will be done this year, one way or another, because all entities realize the situation really is becoming desperate. One proposal, changing attorney fees in malpractice suits from 30-50% of the award to an hourly work charge, makes good sense. Do you think all those Congressional attorneys and lobbyists will buy that? And if we have universal coverage, how about care for the illegal aliens, that one San Diego hospital administrator said accounted for way over half of his "unreimbursed" costs? We haven't heard a word about their status yet.



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