



## **The National Organization of Portuguese-Americans Legislative Alert January 13, 2010**

Congress had been out of session since late December and the House reconvened on January 12, 2010. The Senate returns next Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, and their first order of business will be work on legislation to raise the debt ceiling. The debt ceiling legislation will feature a debate on creating a deficit commission and statutory changes in paygo. Upon completing of debt ceiling legislation, the two Chambers will spend much of the next few weeks on merging and debating their respective health reform bills that they passed late last year.

Below are a couple of news worthy policy events from the past two weeks that are of interest to our community. Please contact NOPA at [info@nopa-us.org](mailto:info@nopa-us.org) or 703-389-3512 if you have questions or concerns on any this alert's content.

### **Release of Immigration Report**

#### **The Center for American Progress (CAP) and the American Immigration Council**

The Center for American Progress (CAP) and the American Immigration Council hold a news conference on the release of a new report on "the economic benefits of immigration reform."

Participants: Raul Hinojosa Ojeda, founding director of the North American Integration and Development Center at the University of California-Los Angeles; Daniel Griswald of the Cato Institute; Heather Boushey of CAP; and Benjamin Johnson of the American Immigration Council

For more information, contact: 202-741-6246 or visit <http://www.americanprogress.org>.

### **Congressman Nunes Backs Pombo's Bid**

#### **California Republican Representative Devin Nunes Thursday endorsed former Representative**

Richard Pombo's bid to succeed retiring Republican Rep. George Radanovich, the Fresno Bee reported. Nunes called Pombo, who served in the 11th District from 1992-2006, "a man of conviction" who was "wronged by the politics of Washington in the past." Pombo will face state Sen. Jeff Denham, who has the backing of Radanovich, and former Fresno Mayor Jim Patterson in the Republican primary.

[http://www.nationaljournal.com/congressdaily/pop\\_20100108\\_3140.php](http://www.nationaljournal.com/congressdaily/pop_20100108_3140.php)



### **The NOPA Legislative Alert**

As a part of NOPA's mission to empower Portuguese-Americans, this Legislative Alert is sent out every two weeks as pertinent developments occur in order to keep the community informed of legislative action at the national level. This objective, non-partisan report aims to educate those interested about action on Capitol Hill that may affect the Portuguese-American community at large.

The source for all Congressional legislation information on this report was the THOMAS system from The Library of Congress (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>). Links for each of the bills listed above direct readers to the THOMAS web page specific to the bill.

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