



Congressman Bud Cramer

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I have heard from hundreds of constituents in North Alabama expressing their opposition to the Senate Immigration bill. I too am opposed to this measure. I do not believe that we should reward those who illegally enter our country and I am pleased that the Senate has pulled this bill from consideration. In 2005, I supported legislation in the House that included an enforcement first policy. Our nation must enforce the laws that it has established and I look forward to supporting legislation that further gives our local law enforcement and border security agents the tools they need to fight illegal immigration.

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News From Washington

Representative Cramer is pressing federal officials to provide assistance to North Alabama farmers in response to this summer's "exceptional" drought, which recent studies have determined is one of the driest periods in state history. Cramer urged President George Bush, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Johanns, House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (Conn.-03), House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Ranking Member Jack Kingston (Ga.-01), and the Tennessee Valley Authority to assist in anyway and to provide emergency relief to farmers. [\[more\]](#)

Also this month, Representative Cramer served as one of this year's congressional hosts for the 2007 National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference. Over 200 child advocates from across the country participated in this year's conference, which provides education, networking, and advocacy opportunities for Children's Advocacy Centers' directors, leaders, and chapters. In addition, at the conclusion of this annual conference, NCA presented the Bud Cramer Child Advocate Award to the nation's leading child advocate official. [\[more\]](#)

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Appropriations Update

Approved by the House of Representatives:

Interior and Environment – Cramer included \$214,000 for the City of Muscle Shoals for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements. The Interior bill also includes \$100,000 for continuing renovations at Ivy Green, the Birthplace of Helen Keller, secured by Cramer. [\[more\]](#)

Financial Services and General Government – Cramer, a member of this subcommittee, included \$231,000 to aid in the construction of the Hudson-Alpha Institute of Biotechnology in Huntsville. Cramer also secured \$150,000 for the establishment of a Robotics Center at Calhoun Community College. [\[more\]](#)

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs – This bill provided \$8.2 billion for the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's (BRAC) 2005 recommendations. This total fully funds the Administration's request for BRAC. The bill also appropriates \$9.7 billion for military construction and family housing projects throughout the military not directly related to BRAC. [\[more\]](#)

Also included in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill was \$87.7 billion for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which veterans groups across the country have hailed as an unprecedented accomplishment. [\[more\]](#)