

## January 4, 2007: Sanchez Celebrates New Democratic Leadership

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#### Democrats Gain Control of the House

WASHINGTON, D.C. &ndash; After 11 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez is part of the majority. Sanchez joins a Democratic majority with 42 new Democratic Members of Congress and newly installed Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a fellow Californian.

&ldquo;I'm truly excited about our new Congress and the legislative measures in store,&rdquo; said Sanchez. &ldquo;We will work to hard to change Hill culture and renew our commitment in working for the American people.&rdquo;

Sanchez is referring to policy changes in extending the work week for Members to a five day work week and addressing issues of great importance. Under the new House leadership, Democrats have pledged to work with their colleagues in passing key measures affecting the everyday lives of Americans within the first 100 legislative hours of the 110th Congress.

&ldquo;We now have the opportunity to create some real change,&rdquo; added Sanchez. Democrats will first work to restore public trust in Congress by adopting an extensive ethics reform package that bans lobbyists gifts and special interest earmarks.

Moreover, Democrats hope to make significant policy changes in: raising the minimum wage; negotiating lower drug prices, reducing student loan interest rates; fiscal responsibility rules; implementing 9/11 Commission recommendations; and promoting stem cell research.