

**Chairman George Miller**  
**Remarks on Adoption of Committee Oversight Plan**  
**Monday, February 9, 2009**

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The next item on our agenda will be the Education and Labor Committee's Oversight and Investigation plan for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Pursuant to House Rules, we are required to formally and publicly adopt an oversight plan for our Committee. I believe the plan before us represents our commitment to improving the lives of our nation's children, students and workers and strengthening the middle class.

In presenting this plan today, our Senior Republican, Mr. McKeon and I agree that oversight is a constitutional responsibility of the Congress and a core goal of our Committee.

Our record in the last Congress highlights the need for effective oversight.

Our investigations paved the way for some of our most important legislative accomplishments, from revealing egregious conflicts of interest in the student loan industry to uncovering severe abuse and neglect of teens at residential programs.

We'll build on this work in this Congress:

- Among other things, we will examine how laws this Committee enacted to make college more affordable are being implemented.
- We'll also continue to examine practices that impact the retirement savings plans that Americans depend on, whether it's a 401(k) type plan or traditional pension plan.

- And we'll dig deeper into the safety of foods served in our nation's school lunch program, which we just learned received peanuts associated with the widespread salmonella outbreak.

I want to be very clear that this plan in no way limits our authority to review and investigate all matters within our Committee's jurisdiction. Mr. McKeon and I have agreed to implement this plan, and our Committee's response to any new oversight issues that emerge, in a prudent, bipartisan manner.

Now, without any objections, I ask that we adopt this plan by unanimous consent.

Thank you.