

SENATOR KEN SALAZAR



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"I will fight for an America that makes protecting our homeland a greater priority, and where every person has the opportunity for a good job, a good education, affordable health care and where we act as responsible stewards of our land and water."

-- Senator-elect Ken Salazar, November 2004

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Legislative Accomplishments – Summary

Ø **BY THE NUMBERS**

- Bills, Resolutions and Amendments: **introduced 83 bills, resolutions, or amendments**, 39 passed by the Senate.

Ø **STRONG DEFENSE AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

1. Iraq: **Cosponsored a success strategy for Iraq** war, including a requirement for quarterly reports from the President to Congress, adopted by a bipartisan vote of 79 to 19.
2. Iraq and Emerging Democracies: **Undertook Fact-Finding Mission to Iraq and the Middle East** to evaluate first-hand security issues and ways in which the United States can support the spread of democracy and freedom across the globe, visiting with soldiers from Fort Carson and touring American bases in Iraq and remaining in close contact with U.S. commanders.
3. Equipment for U.S. Troops in Iraq: Helped lead the fight for needed equipment for American troops, including **increased funding for the Common Remotely Operated Weapons Station (CROWS)** program.
4. Homeland Security: Conducted a **statewide survey of state and local emergency professionals** to gauge their experiences and concerns on homeland security preparations. Based on this survey, Senator Salazar introduced proposals now signed into law that
 - Require a **Quadrennial Homeland Defense Review**
 - **Require a National state-and-local homeland security survey.**
5. Pueblo Chemical Depot: Helped lead effort to approve funding authorization and \$33M in funds to start work on **Pueblo Chemical Depot** program for weapons destruction.
6. International Law Enforcement: Successfully pushed for improved accountability and effectiveness of **international police training** funded by the U.S. and to **prioritize U.S.-funded anti-gang efforts** in Central America.
7. Impact Aid: Fought to ensure that the **Fountain-Ft Carson school district** (educating the children of Ft. Carson soldiers) receives its \$1.2M in federal Impact Aid funding lost due to a technical glitch.
8. Preparing Ft. Carson For Troops Influx: Convened and worked with stakeholders in Colorado Springs to help the community develop a plan for handling the **impacts of Ft. Carson's expansion.**

9. Armed Forces Spouse Workforce Center Assistance: Obtained Senate approval for his proposal to authorize **grants for local workforce investment centers** to provide services to spouses of members of the Armed Forces.
10. Colorado Veterans Hospital: Helped put negotiations back on track for a **new V.A. hospital on the Fitzsimons campus**, resulting in the successful site identification in July
11. Rural Veterans Clinics: Hosted a **rural veterans field hearing in Grand Junction** to address concerns specific to vets in rural areas, and led the Senate to pass a proposal, now signed into law, **requiring the VA to reevaluate its policies for clinics in rural areas**.
12. VA Budget Oversight: Successfully led the Senate to **require the VA to report any budget shortfall totaling 2 percent or more** of the Department's annual discretionary budget.
13. Improving Long-Term and Blindness Care by the V.A.: Helped lead the fight to increase the number of **outpatient specialists at V.A. medical centers** by placing Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialists (BROS) at 35 medical centers and requiring the V.A. to publish its **strategic long-term care plan** within six months as part of the Senate-passed **Veterans Health Care Act**.
14. Relief for Gulf Coast Law Enforcement: Proposed and facilitated the inclusion of **\$125M in Katrina relief for Gulf Coast law enforcement agencies** as part of the Defense Appropriations bill.

Ø JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

1. The Energy Bill: Worked in bipartisan fashion to pass the 2005 Energy Bill to 1) **increase the use of renewable energy**, 2) **promote energy conservation** 3) **develop new technologies** and 4) **ensure balanced development of our natural resources** to help move the Nation toward energy independence. Included were several Salazar proposals, now signed into law, which:
 - Reauthorize and revise the **Renewable Energy Production Incentive program**;
 - Establish the **Western Integrated Coal Gasification Demonstration Project**;
 - Establish an **IGCC** incentive program; and
 - Establish a reasonable and environmentally-sound **oil shale** leasing program.
2. Transportation: Pushed for **Congressional approval of Transportation bill** that delivers to Colorado a 46.75 percent increase (\$156 million) over the previous Transportation Authorization bill, the largest percentage increase under this bill and more than any other state.
3. Avoiding Another Oil Shale Boom and Bust: Successfully **led Senate opposition to reckless attempts by House members** to speed-up Western Slope oil shale development.

4. Katrina Relief: Wrote the **Good Samaritan Tax Credit**, now signed into law, to help those who help Katrina victims.

Ø HEALTH CARE

1. Health Care Commission: Introduced bipartisan legislation with Senator John McCain (R-AZ) to **create a bipartisan commission to undertake a fresh review of health care in the U.S.** and to develop real solutions to our Nation's health care crisis.
2. Rural Health and Education Funding: Successfully led the Senate to approve **budgeting an additional \$65 million** for rural education, rural health access, and rural health outreach programs for FY06.

Ø RURAL AMERICA AND AGRICULTURE

1. PILT Funding: Led the Senate to **restore funding in the federal budget for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program** to compensate rural counties for lost tax revenue due to the existence of federally-owned land in the counties.
2. Rural Development: Hosted **U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Tom Dorr** at public meetings in Ft. Morgan, Lamar and Alamosa to gather public input and ideas on rural development.
3. Broadband: Introduced legislation to **increase broadband capability in rural communities**.
4. Rural Fuel Costs: Fought to spotlight the effects of high gas prices on "The Forgotten America," rural communities across Colorado and the Nation, by:
 - Requesting and **receiving a hearing before the full Senate Agriculture Committee on the impacts of high fuel costs** on rural communities and economies; and
 - Requiring the **U.S. Department of Agriculture to report on the impact of increased prices of gas, natural gas, and diesel** on agricultural producers, ranchers, and rural communities – now signed into law.
5. DEA Meth Task Force: Wrote the legislation **establishing a Methamphetamine Task Force** within the Drug Enforcement Administration.
6. Rural Teacher Retention: Introduced legislation to **encourage teacher retention in rural America** through signing bonuses and additional bonuses for teachers that remain longer than three years.

7. U.S. Beef Exports to Japan: Fought to protect U.S. ranchers by forcing **Japan to re-open its markets to U.S. beef** imports through meetings with the Japanese Ambassador and introducing legislation to impose retaliatory economic sanctions against Japan.
8. Rural Disaster Relief: Helped lead the fight for **Emergency Agriculture Disaster Assistance for farmers and ranchers** suffering from natural disaster such as drought and economic losses due to rising fuel costs.

Ø LAND AND WATER

1. Designate Rocky Mountain National Park As Wilderness: Introduced legislation to **designate certain areas in Rocky Mountain National Park as wilderness areas**, making permanent the wilderness management practices currently in place at the park.
2. Natural Heritage Areas In South Park and San Luis Valley: Introduced legislation to **designate South Park as a National Heritage Area** and to designate a **Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area** in the San Luis Valley.
3. Bark Beetles: Wrote the law requiring the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop an **action plan for combating bark beetle infestations**.
4. Rocky Flats Transition to Wildlife Refuge – Helped secure \$10 million in the FY06 Defense Authorization Bill to authorize the **purchase of the mineral rights at the Rocky Flats** site to complete its transition to a National Wildlife Refuge.
5. Arkansas Valley Regional Water Solution: Brought together stakeholders on the Arkansas Valley Conduit and the Preferred Storage Options Plan (PSOP) to push for an **Arkansas Valley-wide solution on water**.
6. Mrs. Betty Dick: Successfully led the fight for Senate passage of legislation protecting the long-time family home in Rocky Mountain National Park of 83-year-old grandmother **Mrs. Betty Dick**.

Ø KEY BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP IN THE SENATE

1. The PATRIOT Act – Terrorism and Civil Liberties: As a member of the **bipartisan SAFE Act Six**, helped lead the Senate to fight for a PATRIOT Act that preserves critical tools for law enforcement to fight terrorists while at the same time protecting Americans' constitutional rights.
2. Energy Independence: Helped form the bipartisan **“Gang of Independence,”** ten Senators working to make America more energy independent through renewable fuels (biorefineries and ethanol) and improved vehicle efficiency.

3. Helped Resolve Senate Deadlock on Judges: Helped spearhead the **Gang of 14** agreement ending the Senate impasse on judicial appointments that threatened to destroy the historic foundations and practices of the Senate.
4. Judicial Nominations: Participated in up-or-down votes on all **13 judicial nominations**, voting for 10 and filibustering zero.
5. Upholding the Pledge: Introduced a resolution, unanimously adopted by the Senate, expressing support for the **constitutionality of “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance**.

Ø BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP IN COLORADO

1. Conversations with Coloradans on Energy Independence: **Visited all 64 counties** at least once in 2005 concerning Energy Independence
2. Protecting and Preserving Social Security: Hosted **meetings across Colorado** to discuss ways to protect Social Security.
3. Regional Priorities and Input: **Hosted 17 regional planning workshops** with elected officials from each of Colorado’s 64 counties to gather their input on priorities for their regions.
4. Efforts on Fitzsimons: Held meetings with interested parties and facilitated resumption of negotiations **leading to a preliminary agreement on Fitzsimons**.
5. Agriculture Leadership Forum: Convened agriculture leadership to **discuss Colorado’s agriculture future** and how Senator Salazar could best serve that as a member of the Agriculture Committee in the U.S. Senate.
6. Arkansas River Valley Economic Future Roundtable: Gathered Arkansas River Valley stakeholders **to kick-start efforts on advancing water projects critical to the Arkansas River Valley’s** economic future; joined by Cong. John Salazar and others.
7. Homeland Security Survey: Conducted **Survey of Emergency Officials and First Responders** across Colorado. Presented material to Colorado State Senate Homeland Security Committee.
8. State-International Trade Roundtable: Hosted **U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez and business, labor and community representatives** to discuss Dominican Republic - Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) and other trade issues.
9. Grand Junction Veterans Field Hearing: Held a **field hearing on rural Veterans in August**. Heard from VA officials and Coloradans on what VA can do to improve care in rural areas.

Fighting for Federal Dollars for Colorado

Appropriations

Ø Strong Defense and Homeland Security

Military Construction Funding

- **\$6,400,000 million to replace a dilapidated support facility at Greeley Air National Guard Station.**

The 137th Space Warning Squadron plays a crucial role in missile warning for homeland security. However, their current support facility is antiquated and unsafe. The electrical system at the facility is dangerously outdated and guardsmen actually have to cover their computers with plastic sheets to keep them from getting wet during rainstorms. This project would demolish the current facility and build a new one on the same site.

- **\$12,700,000 million to replace a space control facility at Peterson Air Force Base.**

The 76th Space Control Squadron coordinates a multibillion-dollar network of satellites, space systems, and other key space assets. It is scheduled to expand from 63 personnel to 186. The Squadron's 37-year-old facility contains asbestos, lead paint, a deteriorating roof, and is located in the "no-build" zone of the flight line. In addition, the facility's maintenance and storage space is not environmentally controlled, exposing sensitive electronics and antennas to extreme weather. The project will construct a new compound that will allow for more secure handling of classified information and will include environmentally controlled storage

Defense-Related Projects

- **\$4,300,000 Combat Support Hospitals**, Project "Combat Support Hospitals" will complete the Army Medical Department's need and requirement to establish 24 Combat Support Hospitals and to begin procurement toward a 164-bed hospital shelter.
- **\$2,300,000 Deployable Structures Experiment**, Project "Deployable Structures Experiment (DSX)" will complete the satellite bus for DSX. Military space missions have traditionally utilized large, single purpose, very expensive satellite systems that can take a decade or more to design, develop and put into operational service. This project will reduce the design time, cost, and size of satellites, allowing tactical satellite launches for battlespace management.
- **\$2,000,000 Medical Image Database Holographic Archiving Library System**, Project "Medical Image Database Holographic Archiving Library System" (MIDHALS) will permit advanced prototyping demonstrations of this system for the US Army. The storage, distribution, retrieval, and analysis of Picture and Archived (PACS) medical documents are critical factors for the administration of timely medical care. MIDHALS will integrate available holographic data storage technology with other storage systems to deliver a combined storage and retrieval capability.
- **\$3,000,000 Anti Torpedo Torpedo**, Project "Anti Torpedo Torpedo" (ATT) will seek to reduce unit cost for the U.S. Navy's ATT based on a build to print design approach similar to cost-cutting processes in the private sector. The AN/WSQ-11 Torpedo

Defense System protects our larger naval vessels and consists of two main parts: an acoustic towed sensor and processor for detecting an incoming torpedo and an Anti-Torpedo Torpedo countermeasure which seeks out the treat torpedo and destroys it. The ATT advanced technology demonstrator has successfully demonstrated effectiveness in controlled sea trials. I

- **\$1,000,000 BiPolar Wafer-cell Lithium-ion Batteries**, Project “Bipolar Wafer-cell Lithium-ion Batteries” will construct prototypes and test Bipolar Wafer-cell battery technology for U.S. Army communications systems. Bipolar Wafer-cell technology has been successfully implemented with Ni-MH batteries and this project will expand that same technology for use with Lithium-ion batteries. This battery will store over 50% more energy per unit weight than current Ni-MH batteries, will cost 25% less to obtain, will be easily disposed without causing pollution, will have 100% more power than the present design, and will perform well regardless of weather.
- **\$2,000,000 Large Aperture Deployable Structure**, Project “Large Aperture Deployable Structure” will develop a demonstration unit for a large aperture deployable structure that will support the objectives of the US Defense and Intelligence community. Specifically, the Large Aperture Deployable Structure project will allow a compact satellite to expand its footprint in space, reducing the cost of a launch while expanding the space capability of the United States for ISR, MilSat Com, SBR, SBL and space power.
- **\$1,000,000 AIT-Enabled Aviation Pack-up Kit**, Project “AIT-Enabled Aviation Pack-up Kit” will test, deploy, and integrate the AIT-Enabled Aviation Pack-up Kit into the U.S. Navy’s logistical system, reducing costs for the Navy. This Pack-up kit contains advanced wireless sensing technology developed in partnership with the Navy and utilizes commercial off the shelf technologies. An aviation pack-up kit contains replacement parts for airplanes, and currently the Navy must re-inventory all kits before moving and when receiving them at their final location. This project would allow the Navy to have precise knowledge of the location and contents of each kit, enhancing container security while reducing costs.
- **\$1,200,000 Center for Geosciences**, Project “Center for Geosciences” will be used to transfer research and technology to the Department of Defense. For example, the Center provided cave detection technology for anti-Taliban operations within a month after 9/11. This center is a national resource for the DOD in the areas of atmospheric and hydrologic research and has already proved its value in our war against terror.
- **\$1,000,000 SecureD Hardware Encryption**, Project “SecureD Hardware Encryption Program” will continue the development and deployment of a hardware encryption device that is logically and physically separated from the hardware of the computer processor unit. When placed directly in the data path between processor unit and storage device, it secures all data by encrypting the entire contents of the hard drive.
- **\$4,600,000 Network Information and Space Security Center**, Project “Network Information and Space Security Center (NISSC)” will expand the programs and services provided under the NISSC to establish a comprehensive, multidisciplinary homeland security lab environment for cybersecurity, critical infrastructure, geographical information systems, biological threats and mitigation, environmental hazards, trauma psychology, and space operations research. This investment would be allocated to facility, equipment, and staff enabling UCCS/NISSC to accelerate their program to provide responsive education and research support to USNORTHCOM and AFSPC.

- **\$100,000,000 Space Radar System, Lockheed Martin**, Project “Space Radar Program” is a key step on the path toward achieving global persistent surveillance providing all-weather, day/night, pervasive capability for constant situational awareness and precision strike support.
- **\$784,347,000 Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, Lockheed Martin**, Project “Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle” (EELV) is an Air Force partnership with industry to develop a new national space launch capability that satisfies DoD, national civil, and commercial user requirements. The program requirements are based on improved launch system reliability, operability, and maintainability. EELV was intended to reduce launch cost by 25-50% over the current fleet of medium and heavy launch vehicles. To date, the EELV program has realized a 58% savings.

Public Safety Projects

- **\$150,000 for Jefferson County Combat Methamphetamine Project** to enhance Jefferson County’s ability to interdict methamphetamine availability and provide a safe and effective response to the children involved in these interdiction efforts; and
- **\$150,000 to the National Center for Audio/Video Forensics** to be used by CU-Denver to strengthen cross-disciplinary, inter-institutional collaborations for research in forensic sciences and homeland security.
- **\$300,000 to the Central Mountain Police Training Facility** to purchase communication equipment, tactical vests, respirators and personal protection equipment as well as a mobile command center and allow for training at various levels. The Central Mountain Region is made up of seven counties: El Paso, Pueblo, Teller, Park, Chaffee, Custer and Fremont;
- **\$250,000 to the Western Forensic Law Enforcement Training Center** to support the Center’s research in forensic sciences and homeland security;
- **\$100,000 for In-Car Video for Grand Junction** to purchase in-car video systems for marked patrol vehicles in the Grand Junction Police Department;
- **\$200,000 for In-Car Video for Durango and Alamosa** to purchase in-car video systems for marked patrol vehicles in each city’s police department;

Ø Jobs and the Economy

Transportation Appropriation Projects

- **Ports to Plains, US 287 Corridor**, \$3 million, This funding will go towards several construction projects along the corridor that have been shelved due to lack of funding. These projects include reconstruction and repaving portions of the highway in addition to culvert replacement.
- **State Highway 145 -- Dolores to Stoner**, \$4.8 million, funds will initiate a Surface Treatment Project to apply an asphalt base overlay, safety improvements, drainage improvements, minor widening, plastic pavement markings, guardrail, signing, striping and traffic control.
- **56th Ave and Quebec Improvements**, \$2.8 million, To make improvements on 56th Avenue from Quebec Street to Havana Street, and on Quebec Street from I-70 to 56th Avenue. These improvements are needed to accommodate the growth at Stapleton,

additional travelers visiting the Rocky Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, and plans by Commerce City for a new professional soccer stadium.

- **Colorado Boulevard Connector**, City of Thornton, \$2 million. This allocation will fund Feasibility Studies to obtain a detailed cost estimate.
- **West Corridor Light Rail**, \$5 million, Funds will be used to begin the construction of the West Corridor Light Rail, a 12.1-mile double-track light rail line that extends from the existing Central Corridor light rail line in Downtown Denver west to the Jefferson County Government Center in Golden.
- **SE Corridor Multi-Modal Project**, \$80 million, the funds from the FY 2006 appropriations award will be used to fund ongoing construction and to cover expenses for which RTD has used bridge loans to complete the project. Project actions covered include; continued light rail trackwork along the corridor, construction of station and park-n-Ride structures, fare collection equipment manufacture, signals/communications and traction electrification system, and construction of pedestrian structures on south end of project.
- **West Main St Reconstruction**, Town of Frisco, \$1 million. The current condition of West Main Street is a serious concern to the Town. No major improvements have been undertaken since the Town acquired the roadway from the State of Colorado, over 25 years ago. Safety is the Town's number one concern. The Town proposes to use the TCSP funding to; identify, develop, and evaluate new strategies and measure of transportation efficiency that are based on maximizing the use of existing community infrastructure; address the transportation system as a whole rather than focusing on one mode of transportation; explore the long-term direct and indirect social, economic, and environmental impacts of transportation investment on the natural and developed environment; ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade; and implement the best alternative to relieve the local traffic congestion along West Main Street.

Educational and Social Service Projects

- **\$800,000 to the Regis University Science Building**. The Science Building Renovation will provide contemporary and safe teaching laboratories for emerging scientific fields; flexible and technologically-advanced classrooms; modified ventilation, electrical, disposal and gas systems throughout the facility; and improved student/faculty research space.
- **\$200,000 to the Challenger Center for Space Science Education** of Colorado Springs to aid the Center's mission of designing and developing space-related educational programs that will attract Colorado students to careers in science, mathematics, engineering and technology fields;
- **\$100,000 to the I Have a Dream Foundation** to support programs in Colorado that operate in low-income, educationally underserved areas to help students work toward and realize the goal of a college education; and
- **\$100,000 to the Denver Rescue Mission** to support the New Life Drug and Alcohol Addiction Rehabilitation program for homeless individuals in Denver.

Ø Health Care

\$1,850,000 National Jewish, Respiratory Biodefense Research

National Jewish Medical and Research Center is seeking federal support Respiratory Biodefense Research. The studies will examine and advance our understanding of the mechanisms of injury at the molecular level and develop effective means of detection, prevention and therapy. The project will focus on developing drugs to prevent adverse health effects of radiation, toxic chemicals, and biologic agents. The project will also develop anti-oxidant drugs and enhance the immune system to combat biologic agents. Specific research areas will include: Ionizing radiation, sulfur mustard, post exposure therapies to control anthrax infection, drug resistant tuberculosis, and SARS.

\$1,800,000 Fitzsimmons Medical Campus

The Children's Hospital has begun construction of a new state-of-the-art hospital on the campus of the former FAMC. This facility will ensure that the hospital can continue to provide the best medical care to children in Colorado and the surrounding states, build upon its enviable research record and meet the changing needs of pediatric health care. The new Children's Hospital is scheduled to open in late 2007. Funding will assist in the procurement of medical equipment including an Electron Microscope and other dedicated surgical/medical equipment.

Ø Rural America & Agriculture

Agriculture Projects

- **\$306,000 for Russian Wheat Aphid Research**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins
- **\$817,000 for Infectious Disease Research**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins
- **\$880,000 for National Beef Cattle Genetic Evaluation Consortium**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Ø Land & Water

CO Interior/Forest Service Allocations

- **Banded Peaks Ranch Phase II, \$1,500,000**, Specifically, the funds will be used to purchase a conservation easement on a portion of the Banded Peak Ranch. The Banded Peak Ranch is a spectacular, 16,700-acre ranch near the headwaters of the Navajo River in Archuleta County, Colorado. Banded Peak is part of the Conservation Fund's Navajo River Watershed Project, which has successfully protected over 12,000 acres or working ranches over 5 years. Protection of all or a portion of the Banded Peak Ranch is a critical component of the watershed project, which will eventually protect 70,000 acres in the area.
- **High Elk, \$500,000**, Specifically, the funds will be used to acquire land to support the High Elk program which is made up of local government, citizens, businesses, and conservation organizations to acquire 650 acres within the High Elk Corridor.

- **Platte River Recovery Project**, \$986,000 to continue recovery efforts on the South Platte River
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility in Jefferson County, \$500,000**, Specifically, the funds will be used to continue improvements to the stormwater collection system to comply with EPA requirements and will be spent on projects such as the Fairmount Area Outfall Systems Plan. (CO EPA STAG Grant)
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility in Cities of Englewood and Littleton, \$500,000**, Specifically, the funds will be used upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to meet current federal/state water quality requirements. This project will benefit over 250,000 persons in the southern portion of the Denver metropolitan area. (CO EPA STAG Grant)
- **Upper Colorado River fish recovery project, \$700,000**. The objective is to recover four species of endangered fish while water development proceeds in compliance with Endangered Species Act.

Ø Energy and Water Projects

National Renewable Energy Laboratory: \$5,800,000

- *Solar Energy*--The conference agreement includes \$83,953,000 for solar energy programs, which includes \$11,000,000 for concentrating solar power.
- *Wind energy*--The conference agreement includes \$39,249,000 for wind energy programs.

Fountain Creek, \$125,000, The primary goal of the Fountain Creek Watershed study is to analyze the watershed from a regional perspective in which all participating governments benefit by identifying solutions to these problems and by “spinning off” projects under federal and/or state authorities (USACOE, FEMA, NRCS) to address flood control, erosion and sedimentation, and environmental restoration needs. This study impacts not only the study area but downstream interests on the Arkansas River.

Chatfield, Cherry, Bear \$135,000, The study area originally included the three Corps of Engineers projects (Tri-Lakes) located in the Denver metropolitan area. It has now been reduced to one reservoir, Chatfield. Because of the potential impacts that may be identified during the study, the study area also includes the South Platte and Platte Rivers downstream from the Corps projects. The primary purpose is to study the potential for shifting storage from flood control to water supply.

Chatfield Lake, \$1,710,000, Cherry Creek Lake, \$2,346,000 and Trinidad Lake, \$1,519,000 Chatfield and Cherry Creek Lakes are located within the Denver city limits. Trinidad Lake is located in the south-central area of Colorado. Projects include repair and upgrade of roads, parking lots, trails, restrooms, showers, laundry facilities, electrical hookups, campground facilities, and sanitation.

John Martin, \$2,633,000, Routine operations and maintenance. John Martin Reservoir is located in Bent County on the Arkansas River approximately 18 miles west of Lamar, CO. The dam is a concrete and earthfill structure about 2.6 miles long with a maximum height of 118 feet

above streambed. It has an overflow-gated spillway 1,174 feet long. The project controls flood waters from an 18,130 square mile drainage area.

Chatfield Downstream \$139,000, Modify 1988 O&M manual to allow vegetation to remain within Flood control project boundary. Sponsor is Colorado Water Conservation Board. Current study is about 30% done with planning and design analysis phase.

27th St. Bridge (Glenwood Springs), \$30,000, Complete plans and specifications, and initiate construction. Streambank erosion is impacting 27th Street Bridge. \$353,000 will be matched by City of Glenwood Springs.

Powers Blvd (Colorado Springs), \$34,000, Funds to complete plan and specification and initiate construction on structure to protect Powers Blvd (Highway 24) that is threatened by erosion. City of Colorado Springs to match \$327,000.

Goose Creek (Boulder), \$200,000, Project in City of Boulder to restore creek aquatic & riparian habitat as well as wetlands. Lack of funds have delayed authorized feasibility phase report.

Kingfisher Point (Fort Collins), \$191,000, Complete study and initiate plans and specifications to increase wetland values of gravel pit ponds near river in conjunction with City of Ft. Collins.

Lower Boulder Creek, \$240,000, Funds will be used to complete feasibility report and initiate plans and specification phase of the project.

North Fork Gunnison, \$476,000, Funds to complete plans and specifications as well as execute project cooperation agreement. Funds will also be used to initiate first phase of construction. River restoration at 11 sites to enhance fish and wildlife habitat, expand wetlands , re-vegetate, improve water quality, and conserve water.

Tamarisk Removal, \$400,000, Funds to continue efforts to identify suitable projects for restoration and eradication of Tamarisk growth; continue ongoing studies; and initiate new studies. Current identified project areas include Colorado River, Arkansas River, and the Dolores River.

Animas La Plata, \$56,000,000, Continued construction activities on the Durango pumping plant and the dam located in Ridges Basin. An off-stream water storage project which serves as the lynchpin of the 1988 Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement, amended in 2000 and now under construction near Durango, Colorado.

Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation (Mancos Project), \$166,000, Specifically, the funds will be used to provide for slope stability, the installation of a by-pass pipe, 300 feet of double pipe, and the modernization/improvement of operations facilities. The Mancos project is a 56 year old, off-river federal project. Rehabilitation is necessary due to advanced structural deterioration. Jackson Gulch Reservoir supplies domestic water for Mesa Verde National Park, the Mancos Rural Water Company, and the town of Mancos.

Helping Individual Coloradans

Correspondence

158,334 constituent responses in 2005. The top 10 issues in descending order of volume:

- Judicial nominations
- Environment
- Health Care
- Foreign policy
- Social Security
- Homeland Security
- Energy
- Taxes
- Immigration
- Communications

Phone Calls

Washington, D.C.: May-December constituent phone calls logged: **18,222.**

Top 10 issues generating the most calls, in descending order of volume:

1. Judicial nominations
2. Oppose ANWR drilling
3. Oppose PATRIOT Act reauthorization without changes
4. Oppose UN Ambassador Bolton nomination
5. Oppose Asbestos litigation legislation
6. Oppose domestic program cuts
7. Support LIHEAP funding
8. Support PBS funding
9. Investigate Karl Rove
10. Oppose Energy bill

Colorado: January-December constituent phone calls logged: **22,780**

Top 10 issues generating the most calls, in descending order of volume:

1. Nominations (Judicial, cabinet, filibusters, nuclear option)
2. ANWR
3. Gun Manufacturers Liability bill
4. Estate Tax
5. USA PATRIOT Act
6. Budget Reconciliation

7. LIHEAP
8. Opposition to ESA Reform
9. Immigration Reform
10. Asbestos Legislation

Casework Accomplishments

2,711 cases received and processed in 2005.

The largest caseloads are **Social Security, Immigration, and Veterans and Military Affairs.**