March 13th — House Oversight and Government Reform Committee passed 24 – 5
March 15th — House Judiciary Committee passed 21–13
April 19th — Full House passed 241–177
May 1st — S. 1257, D.C. House Voting Rights Act, introduced in Senate
May 15th — Senate Homeland Security & D.C. Committee Hearing
May 23rd — Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing
June 13th — Senate Homeland Security & D.C. Committee passed 9 – 1

In just six months Norton has held 13 hearings on issues of national importance from post-Katrina federal action to the Smithsonian scandal. Her four years of work to get federal agencies to consider locating North of Massachusetts Avenue (NOMA) culminated in her first hearing as chair (pictured). She took the subcommittee to NOMA for a site hearing to find out why the General Services Administration had failed to market an area where rents are the lowest in downtown D.C. Norton chose the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management because of its extraordinary impact on economic development and revenue potential in the District of Columbia. (More on page 2)

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

10th Annual Norton Job Fair
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Where D.C. Residents Get Real Jobs!
Interactive Workshop 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Boost Your Interview Skills ❖ Write a Better Resume
Dress for Success
The Washington Convention Center
Hall C, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW
Use Mt. Vernon Place Entrance

Many Private, Federal & D.C. Employers with Jobs
Must Have Valid D.C. ID—Dress in Business Attire
(Please avoid jeans, sneakers & athletic wear.)
Metro: Mt. Vernon Square/7th St.– Convention Center:
Green & Yellow Lines ❖ Gallery Place: Red Line
Buses: 70, 71, 66, G8, P6
Parking: Private Lots & Street Meters

Congresswoman Norton HOSTS
SEX IN THE CITY
A Frank Discussion on STDs, HIV/AIDS, Relationships and Today’s Woman
Third in a series of five town hall meetings to get ideas for legislation for federal and local defeat of HIV/AIDS

Jeannie Jones of WKYS 93.9 FM will lead YOU in a discussion of WOMEN talking to each other about issues that won’t be resolved unless WE talk. D.C. men already have had their standing room only town hall meeting on this subject (see page 2). It’s time for D.C.’s women to have a conversation among themselves. No program, no experts, just women talking to women about taking their lives and their futures into their own hands.
Hope to see you there.

Monday, July 16, 2007
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center Pavilion
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Norton discusses D.C.’s vote with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (NV) in his office. Reid later met with her and city officials, and promised to quickly bring the House vote bill to the floor. The Majority Leader said, “Residents of the District of Columbia pay taxes, they serve in the military and they have no right to vote...[The] time has come to change that.” (The Hill, 6/7/07)
Norton Men’s Town Hall Meeting Spurs Candid Discussion on Hot Button Issues of HIV/AIDS and SEX

★ “Frank Discussion by Men on Sex, STDs, Responsibility and Community,” one of a series of five town hall meetings Norton is holding on HIV/AIDS
★ Russ Parr of WKYS 93.9, and a co-chair of Norton’s Black Men and Boys Commission, moderated a no-holds-barred discussion with the help of Councilmembers Kwame Brown and Harry Thomas Jr., and former MPD Chief Isaac Fulwood, co-chair of the Commission
★ Unity Health Care offered free HIV testing

Some of the Recommendations from the Men
★ Real men get tested
★ More leadership from the faith community
★ Need families to act like families and fathers to act like fathers
★ Parents must talk to their children about sex
★ More sex education programs for boys
★ Recruit more black males to guide our kids

HIV/AIDS Town Hall Meeting Goals:
★ Promote safe sex, prevention and testing
★ Take into the open whispers about homophobia, promiscuity, sex addiction, the down-low, denial and deceit
★ Help residents understand that the epidemic is mostly being spread not by marginal individuals, but by residents like all of us, our relatives, friends, and neighbors who do not know their status
★ Spark suggestions from residents about removing the stigma and misinformation about HIV/AIDS so citizens themselves can move the epidemic out

Russ Parr, host of the nationally syndicated Russ Parr Morning Show on WKYS FM 93.9, was the “Oprah Winfrey” at the Men’s HIV/AIDS Town Hall Meeting, taking his microphone into the audience and challenging men of every age to come to grips with the behaviors that lead to the virus.

Next Up: Women’s Town Hall Meeting (See page 1.)
Historic Twin D.C. Bills See Congressional Action for the First Time

- D.C. subcommittee passed Norton bills to free D.C. budget and legislation from congressional control.
- **Budget Control**
  - D.C. budget autonomy would allow the city to enact its own final local budget without annual congressional oversight and passage, freeing the District from unfair, costly congressional appropriations delays.
  - Completes the work begun by Norton’s Mid-year Budget Autonomy, allowing the District to spend its local funds without congressional approval, instead of returning mid-year as part of the federal appropriations supplemental—the first freedom from the federal appropriations process and the most important structural change for the city since passage of the Home Rule Act.

Norton Bill to Keep Walter Reed Open

Here with servicemen at Building 18, Norton was the first member of Congress on the scene to inspect Walter Reed facilities immediately following Washington Post revelations about outpatient care at the base. In response to her questions, witnesses at a later hearing indicated that the hospital closing had affected recruitment and retention of medical personnel. She introduced a bill, later passed in the Iraq supplemental, that bars movement to Bethesda for the foreseeable future. The bill also appropriates $20 million for renovations and upgrades at Walter Reed and requires funding for maintenance of existing facilities for maximum patient care. “The nation’s best and most vital hospital must not be closed in the middle of a shooting war and the war on terrorism,” Norton said.

Norton Speaks to National Guard Troops Headed to Iraq

Norton’s strong, vocal opposition to the Iraq War has not diminished her avid support of the D.C. National Guard. She joined families and friends at the D.C. Armory to speak to 275th Military Police Company as it left for Iraq.

“The Guard is ready, and always has been, but it is a great deal to expect of you—spouses, sweethearts, children . . . The families of the 275th will be awaiting the return of their loved ones . . . They are ours. We want them back, each and every one of them.”

Congresswoman Norton
The Washington Post, 6/10/07

Norton Turns Down Her Plate to Go on Food Stamp Challenge

- Norton took the challenge to live on $21 in food stamps for a week, like needy families do all year.
- **Receipt for Her Challenging Diet**
  - 06 / 05 / 2007 #0504 9:28PM SERV.010001
  - BAKED BEANS $1.59
  - CHILI BEANS $1.99
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  - BLK EYED PEA $1.19
  - PINTO BEANS $1.19
  - PINTO BEANS $1.19
  - SHREDDED WHEAT $3.99
  - 0.59 lb @ $2.49/lb
  - GREEN PEPPER $1.47
  - 1.85 lb @ $0.99/lb
  - 2 ONIONS $1.83
  - CASH $16.43

- One third of D.C. children and 10% of residents do not get enough food on their own. Norton is a cosponsor of H.R. 2129, the Feeding America’s Families Act of 2007, to increase food stamp benefits and support working families in other ways.

“Essential proteins from fish, chicken and meat are necessary in the American diet, but they would have busted my budget. People cannot live like this.”

CONGRESSWOMAN NORTON AT NEWS CONFERENCE
Congresswoman Norton congratulates Ryken Bailey, an 11th grade student at Duke Ellington School of the Arts, for winning first place in the D.C. National Congressional Arts Competition. Ryken’s self-portrait hangs in the U.S. Capitol for one year. He also won a computer and an arts college scholarship. More than 100 DCPS, charter and private school students, grades 8 –12, competed for prizes, including scholarships, U.S. Savings Bonds, gift certificates, and sports tickets. See other winners.

House Passes DCTAG Tuition Bill by Huge 267-100 Vote

“It is difficult to think of congressional legislation that has brought such immediate and positive results so quickly or that is more appreciated by D.C. residents.” — Congresswoman Norton

▲ D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant Program (DCTAG) — $10,000 annually for D.C. residents to attend any state college nationwide or $2,500 to attend private colleges here or in the region.

▲ Many DCTAG students the first in the family to go to college.

▲ TAG has delivered on the federal investment with impressive retention and graduation rates, and doubling college attendance in five years.

▲ The President’s FY08 budget adds $2 million to DCTAG, an indication of TAG’s success.

▲ TAG is helping D.C. reduce the gap between job availability and the skilled labor pool there.

▲ TAG substitutes for a state university system. D.C. has only one open admission state university, UDC, but no state network of colleges as elsewhere in the United States. Norton also got annual HBCU funding for UDC with TAG.

▲ Reach DCTAG at 727-2824 or at www.osse.dc.gov

Taking Constituent Services to Community Sites

Norton kicked off her new Government to Go satellite offices— in the District’s Latino community first— with a walking tour of Latino businesses, and the opening of Government to Go at the Tivoli Giant (seen here). Outdoor and community site, roving satellite offices are scheduled throughout the summer in areas where public transportation in reaching Norton’s three offices is least available, and where residents, like Latinos, have been least likely to come in to obtain casework services.

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You Don’t Have to be a Kid to Visit Your Capitol

Come on Down!

If you bring...

❖ summer programs
❖ adult organizations
❖ neighborhood associations
❖ social clubs
❖ sororities
❖ senior citizen groups
❖ other groups

We will arrange for you to...

Tour the Capitol
❖ speak with Congresswoman Norton in her office
❖ see Congress in session
❖ visit a hearing.

Call the 225-8050 or go to www.norton.house.gov for more information.

D.C. Students Show Off their Artistic Talents

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