

CBC MONITOR REPORT CARD, FEBRUARY 2008

Congressional Black Caucus Report Card, February 2008

House Rep.	January 2008 Score & Grade	Rating	Sep 2007 Score & Grade	Career Average – Sep 2005 thru Jan 2008	Comment
Bishop, Sanford	60% - D	Underachiever	70 % - C	59% - Derelict	No change, but increased score
Butterfield, G. K.	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	72% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever
Brown, Corrine	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	76% - Underachiever	Formerly Consensus
Clarke, Yvette	50% - F	Derelict	65% - D+	57.5% - Derelict	Poor showing from a Freshman
Clay, Wm. "Lacy"	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	74% - Underachiever	Formerly Consensus
Cleaver, Emmanuel	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	76% - Underachiever	Formerly Consensus
Clyburn, James	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	75% - Underachiever	Slight drop in average
Conyers, John	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	81% - Consensus	Formerly Honor Society
Cummings, Elijah	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	78% - Underachiever	Formerly a Consensus Rep
Davis, Artur	50% - F	Derelict	70% - C	56% - Derelict	Consistent Derelict
Davis, Danny	75% - C+	Underachiever	80% - B	80% - Consensus	Consistent Consensus Rep
Ellison, Keith	80% - B	Consensus	100% - A+	90% - Honor Society	Good consistent performance from a Freshman
Fattah, Chaka	60% - D	Underachiever	75% - C+	75% - Underachiever	Formerly Honor Society
Green, Al	65% - D+	Underachiever	80% - B	78% - Underachiever	Formerly Honor Society
Hastings, Alcee	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	79% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever
Jackson, Jesse Jr.	70% - C	Underachiever	90% - A	83% - Consensus	Consistent Consensus Rep
Jackson-Lee, Sheila	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	78% - Underachiever	Dropped to Underachiever
Jefferson, William	65% - D+	Underachiever	80% - B	70% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	80% - B	Consensus	80% - B	82% - Consensus	Consistent Consensus Rep
Johnson, Hank	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	77.5% - Underachiever	Underachieving as a Freshman member
Kilpatrick, Carolyn	70% - C	Underachiever	85% - B+	82% - Consensus	Consistent Honor Society Member
Lee, Barbara	80% - B	Consensus	100% - A+	93% - Honor Society	Valedictorian
Lewis, John	70% - C	Underachiever	100% - A+	88% - Consensus	Formerly Honor Society
Meek, Kendrick	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	75% - Underachiever	Returned to initial performance as Underachiever
Meeks, Gregory	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	71% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever
Moore, Gwen	65% - D+	Underachiever	90% - A	84% - Consensus	Formerly Honor Society
Payne, Donald	80% - B	Consensus	90% - A	87% - Consensus	Consistent Consensus Rep
Rangel, Charles	60% - D+	Underachiever	80% - B	78% - Underachiever	Formerly Honor Society

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Richardson, Laura	70% - C	Underachiever	Freshman member – no previous score & grade	70% - Underachiever	Underachiever in Freshman term
Rush, Bobby	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	78% - Underachiever	Formerly Consensus
Scott, David	70% - C	Underachiever	70% - C	67% - Underachiever	No change
Scott, Robert "Bobby"	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	81% - Consensus	Formerly Honor Society
Thompson, Bennie	70% - C	Underachiever	80% - B	76% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever
Towns, Edolphus	50% - F	Derelict	80% - B	71% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever
Tubbs-Jones, Stephanie	60% - D	Underachiever	85% - B+	79% - Underachiever	Formerly a Consensus Rep
Waters, Maxine	80% - B	Consensus	90.0% - A	88% - Consensus	Dropped to Consensus
Watson, Diane	70% - C	Underachiever	90% - A	85% - Consensus	Dropped to Consensus
Watt, Melvin	60% - D	Underachiever	90% - A	81% - Consensus	Dropped to Consensus
Wynn, Albert	60% - D	Underachiever	80% - B	71% - Underachiever	Consistent Underachiever

CBC MONITOR REPORT CARD CRITERIA, JANUARY 2008

The following is an evaluation of the Congressional Black Caucus' legislative performance in the Second Session of the 110th Congress, ending December 31, 2007. In choosing the legislation that passed in the second session, our group continued to focus on domestic bills as well as bills continuing to fund the Iraq war. We chose these bills in response to the overall polling consensus of Americans who indicated they want more funding towards domestic programs and less funding, if not any funding going to the failure known as the Iraq War, because the funding for war takes funding away from domestic programs that raise the quality of American lives.

We also chose bills that would facilitate government harassment of groups and target them unfairly as enemy combatants without due process of law or evidence, as well as anti-discriminatory laws.

The legislation we chose for evaluation of members of Congress is listed below:

- HJ Resolution 52 – Continuing Appropriations Bill for FY 2008
- HR 3688 – U. S./Peru Free Trade Agreement
- HR 1955 – Homegrown Terrorism Study Act
- HR 4156 – Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act
- HR 3685 – Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)

- HR 2895 – National Affordable Housing Act
- HR 2740 – Accountability for Contractors Act
- HR 3648 – Mortgage Forgiveness Act
- HR 3121 – Flood Insurance Reform Act
- HR 975 – Renewal of S-Children's Health Insurance Act

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS WELL AS ALL MEMBERS WITH 25% OR MORE AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THEIR DISTRICT ARE EVALUATED IN THIS REPORT

Out of 39 members evaluated in the Black Caucus, five scored 80% and earned a rating of "Consensus". 29 members scored 60-70% and earned "Underachiever" status, with 62% of the 29 members formerly dropping from either "Honor Society or "Consensus" status to "Underachiever". 15% of the Caucus scored "Consensus" and the remaining 10% scored "Derelict".

As with last year's report card, we evaluated non CBC members with districts that have 25% or more African-Americans living in them. There are 29 members of Congress, both Democratic and Republican, who have at least 25% or more of their population being African-American. Out of the 29 members, 49% were Republican members and 51% were Democrats. 71% of these members represented districts in the South. At least six members on this list can count up to 1/3 of their districts being African-American. We decided to continue evaluating these members to compare their representation and their sensitivity to the issues facing the African-Americans they represent, and alert African-Americans living in these districts to challenge these members who are not best representing their interests in future elections.

The chart below features these representatives, their districts and the percentage of African-Americans living in their districts, as well as average score from first reporting to second reporting. As with the Black Caucus, we will average scores over the periods evaluated.

Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	% of African-Americans in district	September 2007 score & rating	Jan. 2008 Report Card Score/Rating	Average – Sep 2007 – Jan 2008	Comment
Bonner, Jo	R-Alabama, District 1	28.1	0 - Derelict	40% - Derelict	20% - F	Derelict
Everett, Terry	R-Alabama, District 2	29.6	0- Derelict	35% - Derelict	17.5% - F	Derelict
Rogers, Mike	R-Alabama, District 3	32.4	0 - Derelict	20% - Derelict	10% - F	Derelict
Ross, Mike	D-Arkansas, District 4	25.0	50 - Derelict	50% - Derelict	50% - F	Derelict
Castor, Kathy	D-Florida, District 11	28.1	80 - Consensus	50% - Derelict	65% - D	Underachiever
Kingston, Jack	R-Georgia, District 1	25.1	0 - Derelict	20% - Derelict	10% - F	Derelict
Marshall, Jim	D-Georgia, District 8	32.6	40 - Derelict	55% - Derelict	47.5% - F	Derelict
Barrow, John	D-Georgia, District 12	44.8	60 - Underachiever	50% - Derelict	55% - F	Derelict
Melancon, Charlie	D-Louisiana, District 3	30.3%	50 - Derelict	50% - Derelict	50% - F	Derelict

Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Member
McCrery, Jim	R-Louisiana, District 4	33.5%	20 - Derelict	30% - Derelict	25% - F	Derelict
Alexander, Rodney	R-Louisiana, District 5	33.9%	10 - Derelict	20% - Derelict	15% - F	Derelict
Baker, Richard	R-Louisiana, District 6	33.3	10 - Derelict	25% - Derelict	17.5% - F	Derelict
Boustany, Charles	R-Louisiana, District 7	25.0	10 - Derelict	30% - Derelict	20% - F	Derelict
Ruppersberger, Dutch	D-Maryland, District 2	27.3	70 - Underachiever	60% - Underachiever	65% - D	Underachiever
Hoyer, Steny	D-Maryland, District 5	30.3	70 - Underachiever	50% - Derelict	60% - D	Underachiever
Wicker, Roger	R-Mississippi, District 1	26.3	0 - Derelict	40% - Derelict	20% - F	Derelict
Pickering, Chip	R-Mississippi, District 3	36.3	15 - Derelict	45% - Derelict	30% - F	Derelict
Etheridge, Bob	D-North Carolina, District 2	30.4	30 - Derelict	50% - Derelict	40% - F	Derelict
Hayes, Robin	R-North Carolina, District 8	26.7	10 - Derelict	50% - Derelict	30% - F	Derelict
Miller, Brad	D-North Carolina, District 13	27.1	80 - Consensus	60% - Underachiever	70% - C	Underachiever
Serrano, Jose	D-New York, District 16	36.0	90 - Honor Society	70% - Underachiever	80% - B	Consensus
*Kucinich, Dennis	D-Cleveland			90% - Honor Society	90% - A	Honor Society

Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Member
Engel, Eliot	D-New York, District 17	32.3	80 - Consensus	60% - Underachiever	70% - C	Underachiever
Slaughter, Louise	D-New York, District 28	29.2	80 - Consensus	70% - Underachiever	75% - C+	Underachiever
Chabot, Steve	R-Ohio, District 1	27.5	0 - Derelict	30% - Derelict	15% - F	Derelict
Brady, Robert	D-Pennsylvania, District	44.7	75 - Underachiever	70% - Underachiever	72.5% - C	Underachiever
Wilson, Joe	R-South Carolina, District 2	26.4	0 - Derelict	30% - Derelict	15% - F	Derelict
Spratt, John	D-South Carolina, District 5	32.3	70 - Underachiever	70% - Underachiever	70% - C	No change
Cohen, Steve	D-Tennessee, District 9	59.7	80 - Consensus	70% - Underachiever	75% - C+	Dropped to Underachiever
Forbes, Randy	R-Virginia, District 4	33.3	0 - Derelict	40% - Derelict	20% - F	Derelict

Republicans' average score increased from 5.3% to 21.2%; however, they still received failing grades and Derelict status. Five Democrats also had failing scores and Derelict status (Barrow, Marshall, Melancon, Ross and Etheridge).

Eight Democrats scored C – D Average and Underachiever Status (Hoyer, Brady, Ruppertsberger, Spratt, Cohen, Castor, Miller, Engel and Slaughter).

One Democrat scored a grade of "B" and earned Consensus status (Serrano).

*Although Rep. Dennis Kucinich's district did not have 25% or more African-American representation, we decided to include his voting record to compare it to those of all the members of Congress we evaluated because he was a two-time presidential candidate (2004 and 2008). Interestingly Rep. Kucinich scored a 90% rating and Honor Society status, which compares favorably with any member of the Congressional Black Caucus, whose records for the evaluation period averages 70% and Underachiever status for the majority of the Caucus.

Inasmuch as the Congressional Black Caucus used to call itself the "conscience of the congress", we include in this document evaluations of the Congressional Hispanic and Asian Caucuses, measured against the same yardstick used to gauge the performance of African American members of Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS
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Member	State and District	Jan. 2008 Report Card Score/Rating	Grade	Comment
Baca, Joe	California, 43 rd	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Becerra, Xavier	California, 31 st	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Cardoza, Dennis	California, 18 th	60% -Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Costa, Jim	California, 20 th	60% -Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Cuellar, Henry	Texas, 28 th	60% -Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Gonzalez, Charles	Texas, 20 th	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Grijalva, Raul	Arizona, 7 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Gutierrez, Luis	Illinois, 4 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Hinojosa, Ruben	Texas, 15 th	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Napolitano, Grace	California, 38 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Ortiz, Solomon	Texas, 27 th	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Pastor, Ed	Arizona, 4 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Reyes, Silvestre	Texas, 16 th	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Rodriguez, Ciro	Texas, 23 rd	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Roybal-Allard, Lucille	California, 34 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Salazar, John	Colorado, 3 rd	50% - Derelict	F	Only Derelict in group
Sanchez, Linda	California, 39 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Sanchez, Loretta	California, 47 th	65% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Serrano, Jose	New York, 16 th	70% - Underachiever	C	2 nd rating – avg. is 80% - Consensus
Sires, Albio	New Jersey, 16 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Solis, Hilda	California, 32 nd	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Velazquez, Nydia	New York, 12 th	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever

CONGRESSIONAL ASIAN/PACIFIC-AMERICAN CAUCUS, JANUARY 2008

Member	State & Political Party Affiliation	Jan. 2008 Report Card Score/Rating	Grade	Comment
Abercrombie, Neil	D-Hawaii (1 st District)	80% - Consensus	B	Only member scoring higher than Underachiever
Hirono, Mazie	D-Hawaii (2 nd District)	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever
Honda, Mike	D-California (15 th District)	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Matsui, Doris	D-California (5 th District)	60% - Underachiever	D	Underachiever
Wu, David	D-Oregon (1 st District)	70% - Underachiever	C	Underachiever

Unfortunately, the CHC fared no better than the Black Caucus – 100% of the Hispanic caucus scored “underachieving” grades on the report card, with one member being evaluated for the second time (Serrano) and dropping from Honor Society status to Consensus as a result of the Underachieving score received this evaluation period. Rep. Serrano was initially evaluated in the last session’s report card with Congressional members having 25% or more African-Americans in their districts.

The Asian-Pacific American Caucus had only one member scoring 80% and earning a Consensus rating (Abercrombie). The remaining members scored “Underachiever” ratings and scored between 60-70%.