

Chambliss successfully restores C-130J funds

When the Pentagon proposed cuts to C-130J program earlier last year, which are made by Lockheed Martin workers in Marietta, Senator Saxby Chambliss quickly began a year-long effort in Congress to fight the cuts. Through numerous phone calls and meetings, Chambliss impressed upon President Bush, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and military officials about the aircrafts importance to our national security. As a result of Chambliss' efforts, the Department of Defense restored the funds.

Helping Georgia's military men and women

The United States Senate approved an important pay raise for our troops and made key health care improvements for America's military men and women and their families. Chambliss worked to ensure Georgia's military bases have the right missions and resources, and he fought for funds for military weapon systems.

During the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), the entire state gained in overall missions and personnel. Bases like Moody Air Force Base, Ft. Benning, Robins Air Force Base and the Marine Corp Logistics Base in Albany will benefit from realignment.



As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Chambliss regularly works to ensure Georgia's military bases are important to the national security of the United States.

2005 Federal Highlights for South Georgia

- \$3.4 million for the Marine Corps Logistics Base
- \$4,900,000 for the South Tifton Bypass
- \$900,000 for Broad Avenue Bridge in Albany
- \$800,000 for road widening US 280/SR 80 Flint River 300 in Cordele
- \$5,200,000 to widen Hwy 133 in Colquitt County
- \$750,000 for Moultrie Streetscape
- \$240,000 for Streetscape in Thomasville
- \$6,400,000 for SR 92 in Douglas County
- Chambliss introduced The Hunting Heritage Protection Act (S. 1204), legislation to preserve the tradition of hunting for outdoorsmen and women and recognize these individuals as the foremost supporters of sound wildlife management and conservation practices.

Chambliss named to POW-MIA Commission

Senator Chambliss was appointed as the Chairman of the U.S.–Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA. As the new Chairman, Chambliss met with his counterpart in Russia to urge assistance in declassifying Vietnam War era Russian documents and to gain access to Russia security people who were in Vietnam during the war that could help account for missing American service personnel.

Senate approves Chambliss' law enforcement provisions

The Senate approved two law enforcement amendments the Senator authored. The first measure would prevent funds to any country which has refused to extradite individuals to the U.S. The measure was inspired by US Marine Corp. Josiah Fulton of Hampton, Ga., who was murdered and whose killer fled to Nicaragua. The National Sheriffs' Association endorsed the measure. The second measure would restore an important grant funding program, heavily utilized by Georgia's sheriffs and police chiefs to help keep our communities safe.

Congress approved important bills to strengthen our economy, meet America's energy needs

- ✓ **The Deficit Reduction Act (S.1932)** - To reduce federal spending by \$39.114 billion over the 2006-2010 period and \$108.716 billion by 2015. *(Signed into law 2/8/06)*
- ✓ **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (H.R. 3)** – To help make Georgia roads safer, strengthen infrastructure and create jobs. *(Signed into law 8/10/05)*
- ✓ **Energy Policy Act (H.R. 6)** - To reduce our dependency on foreign sources of oil, provide clean, affordable energy and protect nearly 2 million jobs over the next decade. *(Signed into law 8/8/05)*
- ✓ **Central American Free Trade Agreement (H.R. 3045)** To open up new markets for American goods by reducing hefty tariffs and leveling the playing field for Georgia's farmers, manufacturers, and workers. *(Signed into law 8/2/05)*
- ✓ **Class Action Fairness Act (S. 5)** To stem the tide of frivolous lawsuits *(Signed into law 2/18/05)*
- ✓ **Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (S. 256)** To ensure that people who are responsible and pay their bills on time do not subsidize the irresponsible actions of a few. *(Signed into law 4/20/05)*

Securing Our Borders

An important issue facing our nation is the need to secure our borders from illegal aliens. Senator Chambliss strongly opposes any form of instant citizenship or reward for illegal aliens currently in the U.S. To secure our borders, Chambliss voted for \$5.9 billion for customs and border protection and \$3.8 billion for immigration and customs enforcement. Chambliss also voted to:

- Increase the number of border control and patrol agents
- Add new immigration/customs investigators and new enforcement agents
- Add additional funds for border and criminal investigators for customs and immigration

Senator Chambliss also wants to ensure that we help America's farmers legally meet their seasonal workforce needs.

New Medicare Benefit Available for Seniors

A new "Welcome to Medicare Benefit Exam" is now available for new beneficiaries within 6 months of their enrollment in Medicare. The exam will allow seniors to receive or be referred for screening and diagnostic exams and other preventive services covered by Medicare, including; diabetes, breast, cervical, colon, and prostate cancer screenings.

Improving education for Georgia students

Senator Chambliss regularly visits Georgia schools to hear from students and teachers about their needs and he supported many provisions to deliver resources to the classroom. Chambliss also authored and the Senate approved a measure that would expand an important reading program called Reach Out and Read to children on America's military bases. *The National Military Family Association endorsed the measure.*





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Dear fellow Georgians:

Last year, Congress accomplished a great deal. Congress provided critical resources to protect our homeland, secure our borders, ensure our military men and women have the right resources and delivered funds for our nation's first responders.

Congress also provided significant funds for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita victims, America's veterans' health care needs, passed a historic energy bill, a highway funding bill and made critical reforms to our bankruptcy and class action laws. Additionally, the Senate confirmed Samuel Alito and John Roberts to the United States Supreme Court and approved a key deficit reduction bill that will save the taxpayers over \$39 billion over the next five years. While we accomplished a lot, much more must still be done to reform the federal tax code, strengthen Social Security, improve education and make health care more affordable.

As always, I remain committed to working for you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Saxby Chambliss
United State Senate

Chambliss: Georgia Troops Play Key Role in War on Terror

America and our allies continue making progress in the global war against terrorism and Georgia troops are playing significant roles. As a member of Senate Armed Services and Senate Intelligence Committees, Senator Saxby Chambliss routinely visits Georgia's military installations, and meets firsthand with Georgia troops deployed around the world. This year, the Senator met with soldiers in Iraq and at Camp Delta in Gutamnano Bay, Cuba.

In Iraq, Chambliss assured Georgia soldiers from the 48th Brigade and 3rd Infantry Division that the people of America and Georgia steadfastly support the soldiers, their families and the jobs they are doing. He praised them for their hard work and sacrifice. At Camp Delta, the Senator heard from soldiers about their mission to keep terrorists off the battlefield and their efforts gathering information about Al-Qaeda and other terrorist networks. He told the soldiers that their brave sacrifice keeps America safe and secure.

To better fight the war on terror, Chambliss authored important legislation to create a military command for intelligence within the Department of Defense. The bill would ensure troops on the ground, the President of the United States and the National Intelligence Director, have access to timely and accurate intelligence.



Chambliss meets with Georgia troops in Iraq to ensure they have the right resources to carry out their missions.

Helping Georgia's Farmers

As the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Saxby Chambliss regularly meets with Georgia farmers, and members of the Georgia's agriculture industry. In the Senate, the Senator successfully fought to ensure America and Georgia's farmers were treated fairly by proposed federal budget reductions. In addition, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Chambliss assisted in the effort in Congress to ensure disaster assistance would be available for farm communities hit hard by extreme weather. Chambliss has also fought for a fair and level playing field for Georgia farmers competing in the global marketplace.



As the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Chambliss regularly meets with Georgia farmers about their needs.

Senator Chambliss and his office can help you

If you need help with a federal agency, Senator Saxby Chambliss and his staff can help you.

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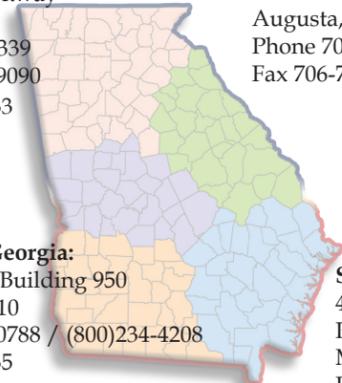
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Sen. Chambliss has launched a TV news program called *The Capitol Report* for Georgians about the latest from Capitol Hill. Check your local station for times in your area.

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