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## Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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### Hot News!

#### McCollum Defends Workers Overtime Pay

Congresswoman Betty McCollum joined Democrats and Republicans in voting to block proposed Bush Administration regulations that would deny overtime pay to 8 million workers.

**"Overtime pay should not be tampered with by the White House. Millions of workers, including firefighters, police officers and other emergency workers earn it and deserve it,"** said McCollum, a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By a vote of 221 to 203 the House voted to instruct House negotiators that when they meet with the Senate to reconcile differences over H.R. 2660, they preserve language in the bill that would prevent the Bush Administration from enacting any regulations that make any worker ineligible for overtime who today is eligible for overtime pay.

**"With unemployment at a ten-year high, no new jobs in sight, a growing tax burden on middle class families, and family income in decline, some Republicans in Congress are finally beginning to join Democrats in questioning the leadership of this White House on the economy,"** said McCollum.

The Senate amendment and the motion approved in the House today would allow the administration to go forward with proposals to make low-income workers eligible for overtime pay but not to take overtime pay away from currently eligible workers.



Today Rep. McCollum administered the oath of promotion to Lieutenant Colonel Donna Bergstrom of the U.S. Marine Corps. Lt. Col. Bergstrom, a native of Carlton, MN and a graduate of the Univ. of Minnesota, has served 16 years in the Marine Corps. Leroy Bergstrom, Donna's father, traveled from Minnesota to Washington to take part in the ceremony.

#### Next Week

- October 6 - Luncheon with Secretary of State and Mrs. Powell and His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Kenya and Mrs. Kibaki
- October 7 - Education and the Workforce Committee hearing on "Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Commodity Distribution to Federal Child Nutrition Programs"
- October 8 - Meeting with National Parks Conservation Association to discuss key issues affecting the national park system

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