

Congressman Peters' Plan to Make Congress Work

Institute 5-Day Congressional work weeks

- Average Americans work five days a week so there is no reason Congress should not be required to as well. A five-day work week would increase the time members of Congress are able to spend together working on substantive legislation and would help foster bipartisan working relationships. It would also save taxpayer money by reducing travel costs of members traveling between Washington and their districts.

Require Floor Vote within 60 Days of Bill Passing Committee

- Currently, once a bill passes committee, the Majority Leader and the Speaker decide if and when that bill will receive a vote on the floor. This means that many bills that pass committee will never get a vote on the House floor, which is unacceptable. We should change that so that every bill that passes Committee receives a vote on the floor within 60 days.

Enforce No Budget, No Pay

- It should be simple common sense that if you don't do your job you don't get paid and Congress shouldn't be any different. If Congress can't pass a budget they should not receive their paycheck. We should add an amendment to the constitution to strengthen No Budget, No Pay and make it permanent.

Reform the Debt Ceiling process to end government shutdowns and protect America's credit

- For several years the political brinksmanship over raising the debt ceiling has created uncertainty, threatened America's credit rating, and led to a government shutdown in 2013. It is time for real reforms that get the politics out of the debt-ceiling debate so we protect the job gains of the last few years and maintain the country's credit.
- My legislation, the 'Protect America's Credit Act,' would prevent the economic instability caused by an unnecessary debate in Congress over whether to pay America's bills like the nation experienced in 2011. And my 'Pay Down the Debt Act,' would help reduce the national debt by requiring bipartisanship on the budget and allowing individual members with the chance to propose ideas to reduce the deficit.