

*Washington, DC* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today was sworn in on the House floor for his ninth term in the U.S. Congress as the representative for New York's 22nd Congressional District (formerly the 26th Congressional District). Hinchey will continue to serve on the House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Economic Committee. He is expected to continue serving on the House Natural Resources Committee as well.

"It is an extraordinary honor for me to be sworn in for a ninth term in Congress and to continue serving the good people of New York's 22nd Congressional District," Hinchey said. "With the U.S. economy in its worst shape since the Great Depression and our troops still fighting in Iraq, our nation is at a pivotal moment. The actions that this Congress will take over the next two years will help shape the quality of life and the way in which Americans live for generations to come. It is an awesome responsibility and I am very excited about all of the many good things I believe this body will accomplish on behalf of the American people. With President Obama in the White House, I am very confident that Congress will be able to pass important, sweeping measures that will help get our country back on track and improve the quality of life for all Americans."

Hinchey said that he will focus his work on restoring the American economy with a particular focus on creating jobs in New York, getting U.S. troops out of Iraq, and dramatically advancing the United States' role in developing and manufacturing solar and other renewable energy products in order to free the country of its dependence on oil. The congressman also vowed to continue using his seat on the House Appropriations Committee to secure critical federal dollars for important infrastructure and quality of life projects throughout the congressional district he represents.

Hinchey was first sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives in January 1993 after serving in the New York State Assembly for 18 years, including 14 years as Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Conservation.