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Governor gets numbers crossed on economy

Gov. Bob McDonnell has been campaigning for presumed Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, and attacking President Barack Obama on the economy. One of his claims is that the U.S. economy is recovering more slowly than Europe. True?

Speaker: Gov. Bob McDonnell
Statement: Says the U.S. economy is recovering slower than Europe.

Ruling: The governor's office

didn't provide any information to back up his claim, so we examined figures showing the growth in the Gross Domestic Product in the U.S. and Europe.

The European Union's economic statistics office show that the EU's 27

countries, on average, were grow-

ing faster than the U.S. in the first quarter of 2011. But by the second half of last year, the U.S. GDP was growing more quickly than Europe's.

While the U.S. economy grew 3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011, growth in the European Union fell 1

Just before McDonnell made his statement, the International Monetary Fund released its global growth projections for 2012. Growth in Europe's economic output was expected to slow sharply this year, coming in at just 0.2 percent. The U.S. GDP is expected to increase 2.1 percent this year, a bit of a pickup from 2011.

The IMF noted that Europe's debt crisis still weighs on that

continent.

The U.S. economy has been growing more quickly than Europe, so we rate the claim False.

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YOUR VOTES IN WASHINGTON

How members of Congress from Hampton Roads voted on major bills for the week ending May 11. NV means Not Voting.

HOUSE VOTES

Military Spending

For, 218; Against, 199
Members approved a military spending increase of \$55 billion, or 10 percent, in fiscal 2013 along with deep cuts over ten years in social programs such as food stamps and children's health insurance. A yes vote was to pass a bill (HR 5652) to avert automatic, across-the-board defense cuts next fiscal year.

	Y	N	NV
Wittman (R-Westmoreland)	✓		
Rigell (R-Virginia Beach)	✓		
Forbes (R-Chesapeake)	✓		
Scott (D-Newport News)			✓

Lobbyists' Federal Pensions

For, 170; Against, 232

Members defeated a bid to Democrats to amend HR 5652 (previous) by denying federal pensions to any former House members of senators who become lobbyists after leaving Congress. A yes vote backed the proposal over arguments it should be subjected to normal legislative procedures, not added to this bill at the close of debate.

	Y	N	NV
Wittman (R-Westmoreland)		✓	
Rigell (R-Virginia Beach)	✓		
Forbes (R-Chesapeake)	✓		
Scott (D-Newport News)	✓		

Justice, Commerce, Science

For, 247; Against, 163
Members voted to appropriate

\$51.1 billion in fiscal 2013 for the Justice and Commerce departments and agencies such as the National Science Foundation and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A yes vote was to pass a bill (HR 5326) cutting spending for these agencies by 3 percent from the 2012 level.

	Y	N	NV
Wittman (R-Westmoreland)	✓		
Rigell (R-Virginia Beach)	✓		
Forbes (R-Chesapeake)	✓		
Scott (D-Newport News)			✓

Voter ID Laws

For, 232; Against, 190
Members voted to prevent the Justice Department from interfering with state voter ID laws. This followed the department's blocking of such laws in South Carolina and Texas as racially discriminatory. It acted under authority of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. A yes vote backed the amendment to HR 5326.

	Y	N	NV
Wittman (R-Westmoreland)	✓		

Rigell (R-Virginia Beach)	✓
Forbes (R-Chesapeake)	✓
Scott (D-Newport News)	✓

Violence Against Women

For, 181; Against, 233
Members defeated a bid by Democrats to add \$20 million to funds already in HR 5326 (previous) for programs dealing with violence against women. A yes vote backed the increase even though the GOP said the bill finances programs to protect women at higher levels than President Obama sought in his 2013 budget request.

	Y	N	NV
Wittman (R-Westmoreland)		✓	
Rigell (R-Virginia Beach)	✓		
Forbes (R-Chesapeake)	✓		
Scott (D-Newport News)	✓		

Export-Import Bank

For, 330; Against, 93
Members voted to fund the Export-Import Bank through 2014. An independent agency, the bank provides loans and guarantees to help U.S. firms export to markets that are politically or economically risky. A yes vote was to send HR 2072 to the Senate over arguments it was unwarranted government interference in the free market.

	Y	N	NV
Wittman (R-Westmoreland)	✓		
Rigell (R-Virginia Beach)	✓		
Forbes (R-Chesapeake)	✓		
Scott (D-Newport News)	✓		

SENATE VOTES

Student-Loan Interest

For, 52; Against, 45
Senators failed to reach 60 votes needed to end GOP blockage of a bill preventing interest rates on student loans from doubling, to 6.8 percent, on July 1. Republicans objected to the bill's ending a tax break that enables certain owners of S corporations to reduce payroll-tax obligations to the Treasury. A yes vote was to start debating S 2343.

	Y	N	NV
Webb (D)	✓		
Warner (D)	✓		

Key Votes Ahead

In the week of May 14, the House will take up the fiscal 2013 defense budget and the Violence Against Women Act, while the Senate will debate a reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank.

Representatives are:

Rep. Robert J. Wittman (R-Westmoreland), Rep. Scott Rigell (R-Virginia Beach), Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R-Chesapeake) and Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-Newport News).

Senators are:

Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) and Sen. Jim Webb (D).

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Proposed Plan for Groundwater at Site 22 Burn Pad
Naval Weapons Station Yorktown

The Department of the Navy invites public comments on the Site 22 Burn Pad Proposed Plan that presents information pertaining to the recommend final clean-up alternative for groundwater at this Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) site at Naval Weapons Station (WPNSTA) Yorktown located in Yorktown, Virginia. In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulation, 40 C.F.R. § 300.430(f)(2), this Proposed Plan presents an assessment of risk to human health and the environment, and the recommended final clean-up alternative was selected based the results of a comparative analysis of the nine evaluation criteria identified in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).

The recommended final clean-up alternative includes: hot spot treatment of hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) using Enhanced In Situ Bioremediation and associated performance monitoring; monitored natural attenuation of RDX, trichloroethene, and vinyl chloride; and land use controls.

This Proposed Plan is based on findings contained in documents that are part of the Administrative Record for Site 22 at WPNSTA Yorktown. The Administrative Record provides background information on this site and is available on the WPNSTA Yorktown public website at <http://go.usa.gov/yFb>. This Proposed Plan may be viewed at the following location from May 14, 2012 through June 28, 2012 during normal business hours:

York County Public Library - Yorktown
8500 George Washington Memorial Hwy • Yorktown, VA 23692
(757) 890-3377

Written comments on the Site 22 Proposed Plan may be submitted during this review period and postmarked no later than June 28, 2012. Comments should be submitted to:

Mr. Jim Gravette
Commander, NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic
9742 Maryland Avenue • Bldg. N-26, Room 3208
Norfolk, Virginia 23511-3095

A public meeting, at which Navy representatives will report on the status of the Site 22 proposed clean-up alternative, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the York County Public Library – Yorktown (address above):

For additional information regarding this Proposed Plan or the ERP at WPNSTA Yorktown, please contact:

Mr. Mark Piggott, Public Affairs Officer
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