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## Welch creates bipartisan group to find common ground in Congress

In an effort to break the gridlock in Congress, Rep. Welch co-founded the bipartisan 36-member “Problem Solvers” group that will work to find common ground on America's pressing challenges. “Vermonters have a tradition of practical and civil problem solving rather than ideological warfare,” Welch said. “We need that same attitude in Washington. We have to be willing to work across the aisle to make progress on the serious challenges facing our country.” [Read more.](#)

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## Welch takes Vermont's energy, health care, and telecommunications priorities to powerful House committee

As the new Congress gets underway, Rep. Welch held a series of events in Vermont last month to listen to Vermonters and take their priorities to Washington. As a returning member of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, Welch will have a front row seat in the Congressional debates over energy, health care, and telecommunications policy. In a divided Washington, Welch is pushing practical policies with bipartisan support, including energy efficiency, expanded broadband access, and controlling health care costs by improving health outcomes. [Read more.](#)

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## Welch takes on pharmaceutical giant over hidden \$500 million taxpayer giveaway

When reports surfaced that a secret taxpayer-funded gift to Amgen was slipped into the New Year's Eve fiscal cliff deal, Rep. Welch called it out and introduced a bipartisan bill to repeal it. “This eleventh-hour, backroom deal confirms the American public’s worst suspicions of how Congress operates,” Welch said. Welch took his case to Moyers & Company. [Click here to watch.](#)

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## Welch to insurance giant AIG: Don't even think about it!

News that American International Group (AIG) was preparing to sue the U.S. government over its 2008 taxpayer-funded government rescue drew a sharp rebuke from Rep. Welch; “Don't even think about it!” In a letter to AIG's board chair, Welch said, “Taxpayers are still furious that they rescued a company whose own conduct brought it down. Don't rub salt in the wounds with yet another reckless decision that is on par with the reckless decisions that led to the bailout in the first place.” Days later, AIG backed down. [Read more.](#)

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## Protecting seniors from Jamaican phone scams

Jamaican phone scam artists are bilking Vermont seniors out of thousands of dollars. Rep. Welch is working with AARP, FairPoint Communications, and Vermont Attorney General Bill Sorrell on legislation to crack down on phone scams targeting seniors in Vermont and around the country. [Read more.](#)

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