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**HOUSE DEMOCRATS ENGAGE IN POLITICAL POSTURING  
WITH SYMBOLIC IRAQ MEASURE**

SALEM—House Democrats today engaged in political posturing by pushing a non-binding resolution on the Iraq war. House Republican Leader Wayne Scott (R-Canby) said HJM 9 was nothing more than an effort to position House Republicans for the 2008 campaign.

“HJM 9 doesn’t accomplish anything; it is only fodder for the next campaign, plain and simple,” Rep. Scott said. “I urge House Democrats to get to work on the education budget, State Police funding and other issues that the Legislature has the power to resolve.”

Rep. Scott also expressed his disappointment over the message that today’s vote sends to our troops and their families. “I’m concerned that the House’s action on HJM 9 calls into question the dedication and sacrifices of our service members and their loved ones. As a Vietnam War veteran, I know from personal experience how important public support is to maintaining troop morale,” Rep. Scott said.

“In November, the Majority Leader told the press that House Democrats would not bring up divisive issues this session,” Rep. Scott said. “Rather than work on the real issues, House Democrats only want to follow their ‘roadmap’ to petty partisanship.”

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