

today as we do the energy and water bill there will be an amendment by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE), and myself to ban the practice of drilling for gas and oil underneath the Great Lakes.

Now, there is a proposal that Michigan is currently moving forward which would allow directional drilling under the Great Lakes.

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Why Michigan would do this to the 18 percent of the world's freshest waters found in the Great Lakes; 90, 95 percent of all of the fresh water in the United States is found at the Great Lakes, and it serves the homes of over 34 million people. Why we would threaten the vitality of the Great Lakes for a few drops of gas and oil, even during these energy needs, is unconscionable.

If we take a look, the reserves are there. Even if we tap with 30 new wells, they propose 30 new wells, we would have enough oil for only 3 weeks, and we would have enough natural gas for 5 weeks. Only Michigan seeks to do this. The Governor of Ohio recently said, no oil and gas drilling. The Wisconsin State Senate has passed resolutions in the past saying no oil and gas drilling underneath our Great Lakes.

So I am asking my colleagues today as we do the energy and water bill to please take a look at what we are doing. We have to conserve, we have to be resourceful, but let us not drill for oil and gas in the Great Lakes. Join this bipartisan amendment.

IT IS TIME FOR ENERGY SOLUTIONS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, it is very unfortunate that Californians have to go through these blackouts, and it is unfair to the people in California. But what is really unfair is that Californians have a Governor who refuses to take leadership and responsibility for this problem.

California politicians have done a disservice to the Californians. Gray Davis has been asleep at the switch. It is time to stop pointing fingers and start solving problems. Instead of spending \$30,000 a month on political consultants and polls, and instead of pointing fingers, Gray Davis needs to find solutions to increasing electricity in his State to stop blackouts. Governor Davis should put people before politics.

Mr. Speaker, blackouts in California leave the State's economy dead. When California dies, America's economy becomes seriously ill. What we need is answers and solutions, not partisan, attack-style politics. We all need to work together, both Democrats and Republicans, to solve California's problems. Creating a balanced, fair and com-

prehensive energy plan for the future that utilizes our coal and our natural gas will safeguard our national economy and secure an adequate livelihood for all Americans.

AS GOES CALIFORNIA GOES THE COUNTRY

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, with two oilmen in the White House, it is no surprise that this administration has turned its back on consumers and sided with big oil special interests, but that certainly does not make it acceptable.

What is acceptable is this: recognizing that we need to increase renewable energy sources while reducing demand for electricity. We can do this by promoting and using more efficient energy technologies. These are the policies that will protect our environment, will guarantee a better future for our children.

Since passing the National Energy Policy Act in 1992, Congress has generally ignored energy issues, but power problems in California and higher prices for natural gas and oil are going to impact our entire country. These changes have brought energy back to the top of our Nation's agenda.

The energy shortage we are experiencing in California is a signal to the rest of our Nation. As goes California goes the country.

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY

(Mrs. BIGGERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, when politicians talk about needing a comprehensive energy policy instead of price controls, I bet a lot of Americans wonder what we are talking about.

Well, consider this fact: ninety-seven percent of the power plants currently under construction are natural gas-fired power plants needed to meet the increased demand for electricity. Natural gas that is typically produced during the summer for storage and later used during the winter is, instead, being used for electricity generation. Basically, we use natural gas to keep our electricity rates lower in the summer, but in the end we pay higher rates on our natural gas use in the summer. Not a very comprehensive policy, is it?

President Bush has proposed the first comprehensive energy plan in a decade that will increase efficiency, improve how our energy is delivered, diversify our energy sources, protect the environment, and assist low-income Americans through these current price increases.

Americans want affordable energy and a clean, safe environment.

WORKING TO SOLVE CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY CRISIS

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to let our colleagues know that today in the State of California, one of our newest generators just went online. Governor Gray Davis has done a tremendous job in trying to make sure that the energy and our lights do not go out in the State of California. He visited with us last week and met with the Senate Committee on Energy Oversight and talked about all the earnest effort that he has made, and Californians, to conserve energy.

Now, we deserve more attention and support by FERC and this administration. We should provide more energy funding for renewable energy, for conservation, and obviously provide relief for those ratepayers, the people that pay the bills. We expect to see a refund. Maybe it will not be the \$9 billion that Gray Davis is asking for, but surely the people of California and the Western States that are suffering from this energy crisis deserve the very best attention. They are grappling with this problem. They need to have our support.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members today to sign the discharge petition, because it is necessary for us to send a message to all citizens of the United States that we are with them on the energy conservation measures.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 368, nays 49, answered "present" 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 195]
YEAS—368

Abercrombie	Barr	Bishop
Ackerman	Barrett	Blagojevich
Akin	Bartlett	Blumenauer
Allen	Barton	Blunt
Andrews	Bass	Boehlert
Armey	Becerra	Boehner
Baca	Bentsen	Bonilla
Bachus	Bereuter	Bono
Baker	Berkley	Boswell
Baldacci	Berman	Boucher
Baldwin	Berry	Boyd
Ballenger	Biggert	Brady (TX)
Barcia	Bilirakis	Brown (FL)

Brown (OH) Hastings (WA) Morella Terry Turner Waxman
 Brown (SC) Hayes Murtha Thomas Upton Weiner
 Bryant Hayworth Myrick Thornberry Velazquez Weldon (FL)
 Burr Herger Nadler Thune Vitter Walden Weldon (PA)
 Buyer Hill Napolitano Thurman Walden Wexler
 Callahan Hinochey Neal Tiahrt Walsh Wicker
 Calvert Hinojosa Nethercutt Tiberi Wamp Wilson
 Camp Hobson Ney Tierney Watkins (OK) Wolf
 Cannon Hoeffel Northup Toomey Watson (CA) Woolsey
 Cantor Hoekstra Norwood Towns Watt (NC) Wynn
 Capito Holden Nussle Traficant Watts (OK) Young (FL)

Obey
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 Chabot Houghton
 Chambliss Hoyer
 Clay Hunter
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 Collins Isakson
 Combest Israel
 Condit Issa
 Conyers Istook
 Cooksey Jackson (IL)
 Cox Jackson-Lee
 Coyne (TX)
 Cramer Jefferson
 Crenshaw Jenkins
 Crowley John
 Cubin Johnson (CT)
 Culberson Johnson (IL)
 Cummings Johnson, E. B.
 Cunningham Johnson, Sam
 Davis (CA) Jones (NC)
 Davis (FL) Jones (OH)
 Davis (IL) Kanjorski
 Davis, Jo Ann Kaptur
 Davis, Tom Keller
 Deal Kelly
 DeGette Kennedy (RI)
 Delahunt Kerns
 DeLauro Kildee
 DeLay Kilpatrick
 DeMint Kind (WI)
 Deutsch King (NY)
 Diaz-Balart Kingston
 Dicks Kirk
 Dingell Kleczka
 Doggett Knollenberg
 Dooley Kolbe
 Doolittle LaFalce
 Doyle LaHood
 Dreier Lampson
 Duncan Langevin
 Dunn Lantos
 Edwards Largent
 Ehlers Larson (CT)
 Ehrlich LaTourrette
 Engel Leach
 Eshoo Lee
 Etheridge Levin
 Evans Lewis (CA)
 Everett Lewis (KY)
 Farr Linder
 Ferguson Lipinski
 Flake Lofgren
 Fletcher Lowey
 Foley Lucas (KY)
 Forbes Lucas (OK)
 Fossella Luther
 Frank Maloney (CT)
 Frelinghuysen Maloney (NY)
 Frost Manzullo
 Gallegly Markey
 Ganske Mascara
 Gekas Matheson
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 Gordon McHugh
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 Graham McIntyre
 Granger McKeon
 Graves McKinney
 Green (TX) Meehan
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 Greenwood Meeks (NY)
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 Gutierrez Miller (FL)
 Hall (OH) Miller, Gary
 Hall (TX) Mink
 Hansen Mollohan
 Harman Moran (KS)
 Hart Moran (VA)

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 Watts (OK)

Waxman
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 Woolsey
 Wynn
 Young (FL)

NAYS—49

Aderholt
 Baird
 Bonior
 Borski
 Brady (PA)
 Capuano
 Carson (OK)
 Clyburn
 Costello
 Crane
 DeFazio
 English
 Filner
 Ford
 Gephardt
 Gutknecht
 Hastings (FL)

Peterson (MN)
 Ramstad
 Sabo
 Schaffer
 Stupak
 Sweeney
 Taylor (MS)
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Visclosky
 Waters
 Weller
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

NOT VOTING—15

Burton
 Clayton
 Emerson
 Fattah
 Hutchinson

Millender-
 McDonald
 Platts
 Putnam
 Quinn
 Rahall

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any recorded vote on postponed questions will be taken later today.

HONORING JOHN J. DOWNING, BRIAN FAHEY, AND HARRY FORD, WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN DUTIES AS FIREFIGHTERS

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 172) honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 172

Whereas on June 17, 2001, 350 firefighters and numerous police officers responded to a 911 call that sent them to Long Island General Supply Company in Queens, New York;

Whereas a fire and an explosion in a two-story building had turned the 128-year-old, family-owned store into a heap of broken bricks, twisted metal, and shattered glass;

Whereas all those who responded to the scene served without reservation and with their personal safety on the line;

Whereas two civilians and dozens of firefighters were injured by the blaze, including

firefighters Joseph Vosilla and Brendan Manning who were severely injured;

Whereas John J. Downing of Ladder Company 163, an 11-year veteran of the department and resident of Port Jefferson Station, and a husband and father of two, lost his life in the fire;

Whereas Brian Fahey of Rescue Company 4, a 14-year veteran of the department and resident of East Rockaway, and a husband and father of three, lost his life in the fire; and

Whereas Harry Ford of Rescue Company 4, a 27-year veteran of the department from Long Beach, and a husband and father of three, lost his life in the fire: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters, and recognizes them for their bravery and sacrifice;

(2) extends its deepest sympathies to the families of these three brave heroes; and

(3) pledges its support and to continue to work on behalf of all of the Nation's firefighters who risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of all Americans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 172.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 172, and I commend its sponsor, the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. GRUCCI) for introducing it.

This resolution honors three fighters, John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives fighting a fire in Queens, New York, earlier this month.

The resolution also expresses the deepest sympathies of this House for their families. Finally, Mr. Speaker, it pledges that the House will continue to support and work for all American firefighters who risk their lives every day to keep us all safe.

On June 17, Mr. Speaker, these three men were among the 350 firefighters and numerous police officers who responded to a fire and explosion at the Long Island General Supply Company. As the resolution notes, this disaster reduced a 128-year-old two-story building to a heap of broken bricks, twisted metal, and shattered glass.

Two civilians and dozens of firefighters were injured by the blaze, including two firefighters who were severely injured.

The three firefighters who died were veteran firefighters. Mr. Downing had