

her 28 years on the board of supervisors, she has preserved much of Sacramento County's natural beauty and open space.

Supervisor Collin has consistently been praised for her environmental record and leadership. She helped create the Sacramento Tree Foundation and the American River Parkway Foundation. She has received the Outstanding Service Award from the California Parks and Recreation Society as well as the Outstanding Public Official Award from the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials. In 2005, Supervisor Collin received the Environmentalist of the Year Award from the Sacramento Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Supervisor Collin performed an instrumental role in the women's movement. From 1973 to 1975, Illa helped lead the League of Women voters in Sacramento and in 1977 she became the first woman to serve as the President of the State Reclamation Board. She has also received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women for improving the lives of women, children, and families.

Prior to her service on the board of supervisors, Illa worked to improve Sacramento on a number of fronts, including social services and community planning. Now, after seven terms, Illa will be departing from the board of supervisors. The people of Sacramento will miss her leadership, experience and dedication. Our community has been fortunate to be graced by the presence of such an extraordinary woman.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor one of Sacramento's most distinguished citizens, Illa Collin. Her success and steady voice has been an inspiration to Sacramento residents throughout the years. I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking Illa Collin and wishing her continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DRIVE ACT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, last night the President made some bold statements about energy security. He pledged to reduce U.S. gas consumption 20 percent from projected 2017 levels. That amounts to 2 million barrels of oil saved a day. Well if he is serious about his words and he wants to reduce oil consumption just a little more he should take a look at the DRIVE Act Representative KINGSTON and I are introducing today.

The challenge we face is clear. In order to protect our Nation and our environment it is essential we use oil more efficiently and develop a domestic economy revolving around clean alternative fuels.

Madam Speaker, our country has become increasingly dependent on oil imports from countries who deny their citizens basic democratic freedoms and, in some cases, sponsor terrorism. In the 1970s, the U.S. imported one-third of its oil and we now import 56 percent. If the trend continues, we will be importing

nearly 70 percent of our oil by 2025. It is simply unacceptable for us to sit idly by while OPEC gains a stranglehold over our economy and our security. In addition, there is now an irrefutable scientific consensus that global warming is real, it is dangerous and it is caused by greenhouse gas emissions.

For these reasons, Madam Speaker, we must act now to provide funding, incentives and leadership to wean our economy off oil and transform it into one empowered by the use of domestic energy.

In the last Congress, Representative KINGSTON and I introduced legislation to do just that: the bipartisan Fuel Choices for American Security Act. Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle and in both chambers sponsored the bill and it emerged as the consensus plan to develop a broad array of reliable and clean domestic fuels. The bill has now been improved and will be reintroduced today as the DRIVE Act, the Dependence Reduction through Innovation in Vehicles and Energy Act with over 60 cosponsors from both parties.

The bill has four main parts:

First, the bill will require the U.S. to use less oil—starting with oil savings of 2.5 million barrels of oil per day by 2015 and 5 million barrels per day by 2025. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will design and monitor the plan and other Federal agencies will have the power to issue regulations to make the plan a reality.

Second, the legislation will renew Detroit by helping U.S. auto makers manufacture more efficient vehicles that provide the same performance consumers expect. It will do this by providing funds for automakers to retool factories and help them commercialize new efficiency technologies such as plug-in hybrids and light-weight materials. In addition, the bill will help bring fuel-efficient tires into the marketplace and give authority to set efficiency standards for new heavytrucks.

Third, the bill will help develop a domestic alternative fuel economy by mandating incentives for cellulosic biofuels, creating an alternative fueling infrastructure fund for installation of alternative fuel pumps, and providing further incentives to purchase fuel efficient vehicles.

Finally, the bill provides for a nationwide oil security public education campaign to be administered by the Secretary of Energy.

If we implement these policies today we can make America a safer, healthier, and cleaner place. But Madam Speaker, we cannot delay action any longer. The longer we wait, the longer we are at risk for an energy security crisis or irreversible global warming.

Madam Speaker, I urge you to pass the DRIVE Act as soon as possible.

TRIBUTE TO ALPHA & OMEGA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alpha & Omega Christian Fellowship in Collinsville, Illinois. The church will cele-

brate their 25th anniversary with a special service on January 28, 2007.

The church was founded in January 1982 and Gary Anderson served as pastor. The first services were held in the State Park Community House. Later, that same year, the church purchased the former State Park School and has transformed it into a beautiful house of worship. In 1984 Ron Habermehl became the pastor of the congregation with his wife, Debi, as co-pastor and they still minister to the congregation today.

The congregation of Alpha & Omega Christian Fellowship lives out the words of Isaiah 58:12, "Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." (NKJV) Their food pantry which serves their community, as well as their focus on bringing up the next generation, fulfills the mission of these words.

I am pleased to congratulate Alpha & Omega Christian Fellowship on 25 years of service to the Lord. My prayers will be with them during this special time. May God bless Alpha & Omega Christian Fellowship.

LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS OUR NATION'S ENERGY NEEDS

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to inform my colleagues of legislation I have introduced today to address our Nation's energy needs through investment incentives for coal-to-liquid, CTL, technology.

The legislation that I have proposed will expand the Alternative Fuels Excise Tax Credit to include CTL technology, allow for the expensing of equipment used in the CTL process, and allow for enhanced oil, natural gas, and coalbed methane recovery credits.

My bill, identical to H.R. 5653 in the 109th Congress, has been supported by the Southern States Energy Board, a bipartisan, multi-state consortium dedicated to enhancing economic development through innovations in energy and environmental policies.

Our economic future and our national security now depend on unstable sources of foreign oil. Few realize the numerous possibilities for alternative oil and liquid transportation fuel production that lie right here within our borders. In fact, America has the world's largest alternative liquid fuels resource base of coal, biomass, and oil shale. Exciting technologies are now available to harness these resources in an environmentally responsible and economically rewarding way to substitute conventional oil use.

I believe the incentives offered by an expanded Alternative Fuels Excise Tax Credit will foster an environment where this important technology can become a viable production option. I ask my colleagues to consider their support for this bill in an effort to ensure that all necessary tools are in place to achieve energy independence in the years ahead.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 26

9 a.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing regarding recent Chinese anti-satellite testing.
SD-407, Capitol

JANUARY 30

9 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine Senators' perspectives on global warming, focusing on Senators' views on global warming and what each Senator believes the nation's response should be to the issue.
SD-406

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command.
SD-106

10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings to examine long-term fiscal challenges.
SD-608

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts.
SD-366

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine exercising Congress' constitutional power to end a war.
SD-226

2 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the remaining options, alternative plans and the

Iraq Study Group relating to securing America's interests in Iraq.
SH-216

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine transportation sector fuel efficiency, including challenges to and incentives for increased oil savings through technological innovation including plug-in hybrids.
SD-366

JANUARY 31

9:30 a.m.
Rules and Administration
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments.
SR-301

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine ensuring the economic future by promoting middle-class prosperity.
SD-106

9:45 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the roles of Federal food assistance programs in family economic security and nutrition.
SR-328A

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Treasury's report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policy (IEERP) and the U.S.-China strategic economic dialogue.
SD-538

Budget
To hold hearings to examine solutions to long-term fiscal challenges.
SD-608

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act.
SD-430

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the Iraq Study Group, focusing on recommendations for improvements to Iraq's police and criminal justice system.
SD-226

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine Federal small business assistance programs for veterans and reservists.
SR-428A

10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine if Medicare Part D is working for low-income seniors.
SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine economic and security concerns relating to promoting travel to America.
SR-253

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine challenges and strategies for securing the U.S. border.
SD-226

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine abusive practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting.
SR-222

FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine accelerated biofuels diversity, focusing on how home-grown, biologically derived fuels can blend into the nation's transportation fuel mix.
SDG-50

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the communications marketplace relating to the Federal Communications Commission.
SR-253

FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.
SD-226

FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.
SD-366

FEBRUARY 8

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
SD-366

FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the "Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change" examining the economic impacts of climate change and stabilizing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
SD-106

FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior.
SD-366