

start saying "yes"? \$5 a gallon? \$10 a gallon?

It's time for no more excuses. Families are hurting. Businesses are hurting. The American people are asking for help. It's time to say "yes."

REPUBLICAN PLAN OF DRILLING IN ANWR IS NOT THE ANSWER TO HIGH GAS PRICES

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, the American people are rightfully concerned about the high cost of gas, and they are looking for solutions that will provide some immediate relief. We don't need more of the stale rhetoric of the past 7 years that we have heard from the Bush administration and their so-called energy policy.

President Bush and congressional Republicans continue to argue that opening one of America's treasures, the Arctic refuge, to oil drilling will lower gas prices. That's simply not true.

Ask the experts. That is the conclusion of the Bush administration's own Energy Information Administration, which estimates that opening the Arctic refuge to drilling today will save only a few pennies a gallon 20 years from now. Sadly, this is the Republican solution to addressing the high prices that they created.

The American people are looking for action. That's exactly what this Democratic House has been doing over the past couple of months. Unfortunately, we need help from our friends across the aisle because President Bush remains committed to failed policies.

SUPPORT GROWING DOMESTIC ENERGY NEEDS

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, an 83-year-old woman told me she is paying over \$400 a month now for her energy bills, and she may end up finishing her life burning wood, like she started it.

The fact is, God has blessed this Nation with an abundance of solutions in the form of natural resources that can support growing domestic energy needs. Within 3 years, we can get a million to a million and a half barrels of oil from ANWR. Some have indicated there are three times the amount of oil left in the entire Middle East, three times that amount in shale in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, but they can't get to it.

The limited areas that are available for lease have an 8-year lease, and they are saying it takes right at 8 years to get all the permits. Yes, there is some property under lease that they can't produce. There is some that doesn't produce. That's the energy business.

But we need to help hardworking Americans. I don't understand what

the majority leadership has against good union jobs. We are losing them every day in our district because energy prices are too high, and I want to keep those good union jobs.

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JOBLESS BENEFITS EXTENSION

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, there is hardly a middle-class soul in our country who has not been impacted by this terrible economy. With 326,000 jobs lost, millions of Americans may lose their homes and their health care. All this as the price of food soars and the price of gas passes \$4 a gallon and wages are stagnant.

Mr. Speaker, we should invent a new word similar to stagflation that also includes gas and food. May I suggest "stagasfoodlation" to describe this terrible economy. Millions of men, women and children are caught up in an economic perfect storm not of their making where every avenue seems cut off.

Today we will have the opportunity to vote for an extension of unemployment insurance to help these American families. Republicans should not try to block this last lifeline for these families.

ESCALATING GAS PRICES

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to those urging change in the face of escalating gas prices. With the start of the summer season, the far-reaching effects of ever increasing gas prices is becoming more and more apparent.

It will result in a decrease in income for those in the travel industry, and that will lead to an increase in prices for dependent goods. As a result, the national economy will experience lower spending and higher prices. We are not now in a terrible economic situation, as some of our colleagues have said, but the high gas prices can lead to that.

Yet in the face of this self-perpetuating cycle, Democrats are not fighting for change here. We need to move our energy production technologies into the 21st century and build more coal, hydroelectric, and nuclear plants. We have ways to increase our domestic oil and gas production, as well as renewable and domestically available energy sources. At the same time, we must support the commercialization of our shale oil resources which hold enough oil to meet America's needs for more than two centuries.

Congress cannot afford to stand as an idle spectator as gas prices continue to erode the foundation of our economy. I urge Members to support Republican efforts to actively seek solutions to our

current situation. American families deserve results and it is our responsibility to see that they get them.

EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, the Bush economy has lost nearly 325,000 jobs this year alone. With five straight months of job losses and the unemployment rate experiencing its sharpest spike in 22 years, it is clear that the economic downturn is hurting middle class people everywhere.

Last week, the Democratic Congress passed legislation to extend unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks to provide relief to millions of Americans who are finding it increasingly difficult to find a job.

Not only will this extension help 1.6 million Americans who have already exhausted their regular benefits, but it will also stimulate the struggling economy. For every \$1 spent on unemployment benefits, it generates \$1.64 in our economy.

Mr. Speaker, after last week's bipartisan vote, President Bush and the majority of the House Republicans should drop their opposition to this common-sense legislation so we can provide some much-needed assistance to those who are hurting under the Bush economy. Workers who are having trouble finding a job are not to be blamed for this struggling economy.

AMERICA NEEDS ENERGY PRODUCTION

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, you know after listening to my friends on the other side of the aisle, if you listen to their prescription for our energy woes, it is very much like saying we can have milk in this country without cows. They don't understand that in order to take care of the problem, you need supply.

And why do I say that, because on every single vote we have had over the last decade or so, when we talked about tar sands, Democrats voted no. When we talked about shale oil, Democrats voted no. When we talked about coal, Democrats voted no. When we talked about cleaner ways of using coal, the Democrats voted no. When we talked about offshore drilling for gas and oil, the Democrats said no. When we talked about drilling in ANWR, they voted no. When we talked about refineries, they said no. Nuclear, they said no. And sometimes they have even said no to wind if it happened to be near where they lived.

Now the problem is that the American people want solutions. We are providing an opportunity for solutions. All

we are asking is that the leadership on the Democratic side of the aisle allow us to bring to the floor those bills that will allow for more American energy production because we understand if you want milk, you have to have cows. If you want production, you are going to have to allow production in this country.

DOLLAR LITE UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, the people in Wisconsin elected me and sent me here to Washington to listen to them. And what are the people in Wisconsin asking me to do? They said Kagen, there are two things you can do to help me and stimulate my economy and put more money in my pocket: cut the price of gasoline and reduce our health care costs.

As Megan and Eric from Appleton wrote to me, "We are young people with four kids. Our insurance is out of control. Our family earns \$38,000 a year. We pay \$520 a month to have health insurance. Gas prices limit our lives. We can't afford it; food for our kids or gas in the tank."

My friends, there are two reasons we are in this mess: Bush and CHENEY. Bush and CHENEY, these are the two reasons. And what have they done, they have taken our United States dollar and taken down its value. You might be drinking Miller Lite, but you've got dollar lite in your pocket, and that's why the price of everything, from gasoline to health care, to food, shelter and clothing is going up. Your United States dollar isn't worth what it was when George Bush took office.

TANKER CONTRACT DECISION BAD FOR AMERICAN ECONOMY

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

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, the Air Force's recent decision to award a contract to Airbus to replace our current fleet of aerial refueling tankers is a reckless one. Americans are experiencing job cuts, a credit crisis, foreclosures on their homes, and rising foods and energy prices.

Just weeks after this Congress passed a \$168 billion economic stimulus package to address these issues, the Air Force assumes it will simply appropriate \$40 billion for an Airbus fleet of tankers, creating high-paying jobs in Europe.

American workers have built and provided our tanker fleet for more than 40 years. Their experience makes them second to none when it comes to meeting this need.

It is beyond belief that the Air Force will reward American know-how and hard work by offshoring defense-related jobs and shrinking the U.S. in-

dustrial base even further. This decision is not in the interests of the United States.

I urge my colleagues to see the larger picture here. Congress has a responsibility to look out for all of the issues pertaining to this contract and the threat it poses to American workers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions 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.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

AMENDING CERTAIN LAWS RELATING TO NATIVE AMERICANS

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5680) to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for others purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5680

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Colorado River Indian Tribes.
- Sec. 3. Gila River Indian Community contracts.
- Sec. 4. Land and interests of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan.
- Sec. 5. Morongo Band of Mission Indians Lease Extension.
- Sec. 6. Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians leasing authority.
- Sec. 7. New Settlement Common Stock issued to descendants, left-outs, and elders.

SEC. 2. COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES.

The Secretary of the Interior may make, subject to amounts provided in subsequent appropriations Acts, an annual disbursement to the Colorado River Indian Tribes. Funds disbursed under this section shall be used to fund the Office of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation Energy Development and shall not be less than \$200,000 and not to exceed \$350,000 annually.

SEC. 3. GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY CONTRACTS.

Subsection (f) of the first section of the Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415(f)), is amended by striking "lease, affecting" and inserting "lease or construction contract, affecting".

SEC. 4. LAND AND INTERESTS OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF MICHIGAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), notwithstanding any other provision of law (including regulations), the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan (including any agent or instrumentality of the Tribe) (referred to in this section as the "Tribe"), may transfer, lease, encumber, or otherwise convey, without further authoriza-

tion or approval, all or any part of the Tribe's interest in any real property that is not held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.

(b) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section is intended to authorize the Tribe to transfer, lease, encumber, or otherwise convey, any lands, or any interest in any lands, that are held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.

(c) LIABILITY.—The United States shall not be held liable to any party (including the Tribe or any agent or instrumentality of the Tribe) for any term of, or any loss resulting from the term of any transfer, lease, encumbrance, or conveyance of land made pursuant to this Act unless the United States or an agent or instrumentality of the United States is a party to the transaction or the United States would be liable pursuant to any other provision of law. This subsection shall not apply to land transferred or conveyed by the Tribe to the United States to be held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall be deemed to have taken effect on January 1, 2005.

SEC. 5. MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS LEASE EXTENSION.

Subsection (a) of the first section of the Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415(a)) is amended in the second sentence by inserting "and except leases of land held in trust for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians which may be for a term of not to exceed 50 years," before "and except leases of land for grazing purposes which may be for a term of not to exceed ten years".

SEC. 6. COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS LEASING AUTHORITY.

(a) AUTHORIZATION FOR 99-YEAR LEASES.—Subsection (a) of the first section of the Act of August 9, 1955 (25 U.S.C. 415(a)), is amended in the second sentence by inserting "and lands held in trust for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians," after "lands held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon,".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any lease entered into or renewed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 7. NEW SETTLEMENT COMMON STOCK ISSUED TO DESCENDANTS, LEFT-OUTS, AND ELDERS.

Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (Public Law 92-203; 85 Stat. 691), is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (g)(1)(B)(iii) (43 U.S.C. 1606(g)(1)(B)(iii)), to read as follows:

"(iii) The amendment authorized by clause (i) may provide that Settlement Common Stock issued to a Native pursuant to such amendment (or stock issued in exchange for such Settlement Common Stock pursuant to subsection (h)(3) of this section or section 1626c(d) of this title) shall be subject to one or more of the following:

"(I) Such stock shall be deemed canceled upon the death of such Native, and no compensation for this cancellation shall be paid to the estate of the deceased Native or to any person holding stock.

"(II) Such stock shall carry limited or no voting rights.

"(III) Such stock shall not be transferred by gift as provided in subparagraph (h)(1)(C)(iii)."; and

(2) in subsection (h)(1)(C) (43 U.S.C. 1606(h)(1)(C)), by striking "Notwithstanding the restrictions" and inserting "Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter and".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH) each will control 20 minutes.