

that we have a vote, the very thing that then-minority leader NANCY PELOSI demanded, saying that the minority party should have the right to present its alternatives, have a debate and have a vote. That's what we've been asking for for weeks and weeks and weeks.

We believe that we need a comprehensive all-of-the-above energy plan. This is not a comprehensive, all-of-the-above energy plan. This is not.

Just for example, in the American Energy Act, the Republican bill, we call for emission-free nuclear power. This is the one place in the world I can think of where the French actually have it right. They get 80 percent of their electrical power from nuclear energy.

We haven't built a new nuclear energy plant in this country in years, and we never will if we adopt this plan. We need a comprehensive all-of-the-above plan.

REPUBLICANS GET IT

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

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, the number one cost in manufacturing is energy. The number one cost of job loss in America is the high cost of energy.

Now, the Chinese get that. The Chinese are building 32 nuclear power plants.

The country of India, they get it. Seventeen new nuclear power plants.

Even Abu Dhabi and Dubai, oil rich Arab countries, United Emirates, they sell us their oil and they're building nuclear power plants so they don't have to use their oil, they can sell it to us.

Listen, all these countries get it. The Republican bill gets it. It has nuclear energy. But JOE BIDEN, Senator OBAMA, they don't get it. The Democrats don't get it. There's no nuclear energy in their bill.

We'll continue to lose jobs. We'll continue to have high cost of energy, and most importantly, we will not be able to compete with the world because they are building nuclear power and cheap energy while we're not.

We need to vote for a real bill, not this sham.

GOVERNMENT 101

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, now, this is going to be a lesson in Government 101. Now, 2 years ago, and this may surprise a lot of the American people and even some Members that follow politics, but the Democrats seized control of the Congress. They control the House, the Senate.

Now, people across the country woke up this morning and yesterday and saw

the financial markets implode across the United States. Now, who's in charge, the Democrats or the Republicans?

Now, for 2 years they promised us change. Look at the financial leadership of the House of Representatives. Look at the leadership of the Ways and Means Committee, right now under siege.

They promised us and the American people that they would have a policy, the Pelosi Energy Policy, some 2 years ago when gas prices were hovering around \$2.

They control the process. We don't control the process. Now, they have brought out a sham. They are in control, and we have the highest energy prices in a bill that does nothing to solve the problem.

That's Government 101.

A STORM SWEEPING THIS CHAMBER

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

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, a terrible storm has swept over my home State of Texas, brought devastation to neighborhoods and communities; 2,500 search and rescue missions out, 2 million people without energy in their home probably for 3 weeks.

There's another storm that will sweep this Chamber and this Nation over the hoax of this energy, this energy bill that brings no energy to the American people, at a time when we need the shot in the arm for the long term, as well as for today.

This bill that's been brought as if it were a real bill, brought, passed in the dead of night, brought with no debate, no discussion, no input, no process, a process that has stood us well for decades, for centuries, no process, no offshore exploration, no oil shale resources, no refineries, no drilling in ANWR, no nuclear, no coal, no energy, no nothing, and no commitment to the American people who support this and understand what we should be doing, what they deserve, what they respect, what is our job.

What a hoax. What a disappointment.

DEATH PENALTY FOR POWER AND ENERGY

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

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, this bill might be called the death penalty for power and energy. Why do I say that?

If you look at how we utilize lethal injection in this country, the first injection actually sedates the individual. The second injection paralyzes the heart, thus killing the individual. What we have here is the first part of it is sedation. That's the bill today that claims it's for energy.

But the fact of the matter is, with the litigation explosion we have based on the extremists in the environmental movement, the coconspirators with the Democratic Party on this, they've basically paralyzed our efforts to get any energy. Every single lease that's been granted over the last 2 years has been sued against. As a matter of fact, there are two lawsuits now that are already in effect with anything that we will lease in the future. So who's kidding whom?

Let's break this conspiracy that exists between the extremists on the environmental side and the Democratic leadership. Let's give us real power. Let's reject this death penalty for power and energy that they're calling an energy bill. It's a fraud on the American people. We ought to understand that.

We need to do better. The American people need to do better. Let me tell you this: If the Democrats have run out of energy, there's plenty of energy on this side of the aisle to do the right thing.

DRILLING OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST

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

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, Virginia's Second District includes the entire Atlantic coast in Virginia.

Today, I see that the rumors that we've heard all weekend are true. This bill supposedly opens drilling, but really, it doesn't. The first 50 miles are closed. The second 50-100 miles are open at State option, but no royalties to those coastal States.

Virginia gets zero. Look at Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, 37.5 percent. Every other coastal State, zero.

The effect of this legislation will be none of these coastal States will allow for drilling. So industry will now look at 100 miles out or more. Problem with that? Resources within the first 50 miles.

America needs to realize that we are the only Nation that does not take resources from our Outer Continental Shelf. The American families are hurting. American businesses are hurting, and look at the impact on our economy. After all of these months of bills on the floor and discussion on the floor, this is the result of this bill. It's not only a hoax, it is cruel to American families and American businesses.

LITIGATION IS KILLING AMERICAN JOBS

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

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, a generation ago, extreme environmentalists began filing lawsuits to stop the production of timber in the United States.

They killed the timber industry throughout this great country. 20,000 jobs were lost in New Mexico alone. Today we have fewer than 100 of those jobs left, and they're in the process of dying probably this year. That whole response to our timber industry was a hoax.

Today we're involved in another hoax, the hoax that is sending \$700 billion a year to enemies across the seas; \$700 billion a year would be a 6 percent increase in our economy. That means more jobs. And yet instead of solving the problem, we're extending the problem through a hoax.

If we want to stop the outflow of American jobs, we need to stop the lawsuits that are killing every single new lease. They're killing mining, they have already killed the timber industry. The extremists, with litigation, are killing American jobs, and this hoax that is on the floor today called an energy bill is doing nothing about the litigation that is killing American jobs. We must stop it, and we must stop the litigation.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this sham, no-energy energy bill, and want to express my deep disappointment that once again, this House is missing an important opportunity to lower gas prices, and make our Nation more energy independent.

After reviewing this bill, it's clear that the majority never really intended to open the Outer Continental Shelf to energy exploration. Instead, this bill would permanently keep off-limits 88 percent of our offshore oil and natural gas reserves.

Let me tell you some of the other failings of this bill. It fails to open up more of the energy rich Gulf of Mexico. It fails to make building refineries any easier. It fails to promote nuclear energy. It fails to boost oil shale development, and it fails to open the billions of barrels of oil now off limits in ANWR.

What this bill will do is raise taxes that will surely be passed along to consumers in even higher prices at the pump.

Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu, a Democrat, recently said it best. This bill is "dead on arrival in the Senate."

The bottom line is, this bill is a publicity stunt, and the American people deserve better.

THE DEFINITION OF BIPARTISAN HAS CHANGED

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, we've been hearing a lot about

change these days; certain parties claiming more change than others perhaps.

I would suggest that what has changed the most is the definition of the term "bipartisan." To say that this effort is bipartisan is not being honest. To say that the process that we're supposed to engage in 2 years ago of being the most open process in the history of Congress, not so. To criticize the executive branch for energy policies 7 years ago being drafted behind closed doors, and then to participate or not allow participation in this issue, I think, is unconscionable for the American people.

We're talking about way offshore drilling, if at all. We need broad-based energy supply.

If we think that a 9 percent approval rating of Congress is bad, let's pass a bill that won't do anything saying that it will. That is bad policy. If we expect our economy to grow, we need to afford the resources of energy to the growing economy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to an additional 20 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side.

DEMOCRAT ENERGY BILL

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

Mr. BLUNT. We're here today to talk about a bill that nobody had seen, or at least no Republican had seen as late as 9:45 last night.

No committee has seen the bill. In fact, I asked has this been to the Energy and Commerce Committee? I thought, as a member of that committee I must have missed the hearing. But, no, it hasn't been to the Energy and Commerce Committee.

And so I asked has it been to the Resources Committee because it deals with our natural resources. No, it hasn't been to the Resources Committee.

I asked has it been to the Ways and Means Committee. There's a \$1.2 billion project in this bill that the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee has wanted forever to extend subways in New York, so I thought surely it had been to the Ways and Means Committee. But it hadn't been to the Ways and Means Committee. In fact, it's been to no committee anywhere, and it does nothing.

Republicans have worked for years in this House to send good legislation to the Senate, joined by Democrats who agree with us on this issue. We worked all of August to call attention to the fact that we weren't dealing with the number one problem facing the American people, and now we have a bill that we find will not produce any more energy and we know will increase energy prices.

The renewable portfolio standards that raise everybody's electricity bill are unreasonable. But that really doesn't matter because nobody expects this bill to become law. The drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf can't really occur. But maybe that doesn't matter either because this bill's not about something that would become law.

I'm offended, Members of the House are offended, and we should be by this process. And the American people should be offended that we're not doing the job for them that really matters.

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DEMOCRAT ENERGY BILL IS RIGGED

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the announcement from the Chair that additional Members will be allowed to give 1-minutes. In fact, it was announced earlier that there would be unlimited 1-minutes, then it was announced that we would only have 30 1-minutes on each side. And I appreciate the announcement that we will have at least 20 more because our Members want to speak, and I will tell you why.

When a bill gets filed at 9:45 the night before and then it's announced it's going to come to the floor the next morning as the first bill up, a bill that no one has read, written in the dark of night, that won't do a damn thing about American energy. Enough is enough.

The Speaker of the House said this will be the most open and ethical Congress in history, that we would consider things in a fair and open way. And this is not going to be considered in a fair and open way. It shows up in the middle of the night, nobody's read the bill, and guess what? The Republican Members, who represent about 48 percent of the American people, we're not allowed to offer a substitute. We have no opportunity to offer our American Energy Plan that we've been on this floor talking about for 3 months nonstop. We don't even get a chance to offer the bill.

It's rigged, and the bill that's coming to the floor is nothing more than a hoax on the American people, and they will not buy it.

ENERGY BILL NOTHING BUT POLITICAL COVER

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

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, in words that the American people can understand, you can put lipstick on a bad bill but it is still a bad bill. And sadly, that is what your leadership's so-called energy bill is. It has been called a sham, which it is; it's been called a hoax, which it is. But the truth is, it is nothing but political cover to allow