



American Energy: A Matter of Priorities

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The House is about to adjourn for its summer vacation, and the Democrats have still not brought to the House floor any legislation increasing the supply of American energy, despite gasoline prices above \$4-a-gallon in many locations nationwide. You might be interested to read, however, what the Democrats *have* brought to the House floor instead. For example...

The Democrat leadership has prevented the full House from even *considering* a Republican bill ending the prohibition on **oil shale leasing** on federal lands ([H.R. 6211](#), et al.), **BUT....**

- The Democrat leadership brought to the House floor a bill prohibiting the sale of **wild, free-roaming horses** and burros ([H.R. 249](#)).

The Democrat leadership has prevented the full House from even *considering* a Republican bill ending the moratorium on oil and gas leasing on most of the **Outer Continental Shelf** ([H.R. 6302](#) et al.), **BUT....**

- The Democrat leadership brought to the House floor a bill preventing **monkey bites** by banning the sale of non-human primates ([H.R. 2964](#)).

The Democrat leadership has prevented the full House from even *considering* a Republican bill opening a small area of the **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)** to energy development ([H.R. 3089](#) et al.), **BUT....**

- The Democrat leadership brought to the House floor a resolution honoring the ideals of the **International Year of Sanitation** ([H.Con.Res. 318](#)).

The Democrat leadership has prevented the full House from even *considering* a Republican bill ending the prohibition on the government procuring **fuels from unconventional sources** ([H.R. 5656](#) et al.), **BUT....**

- The Democrat leadership brought to the House floor a bill creating a **Native Hawaiian tribe** where one does not exist ([H.R. 505](#)).

The Democrat leadership has prevented the full House from even *considering* a Republican bill expediting the **permitting of petroleum refineries** ([H.R. 6165](#) et al.), **BUT....**

- The Democrat leadership brought to the House floor a bill waiving the permitting requirements for the **discharge of bilge water** ([S. 2766](#)).

And the list goes on....

It's clear that Democrats have priorities—but none of them involves an increase in American energy to help bring down gasoline prices.

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