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House Republicans Debate Energy While Democrats Go Home

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In an unprecedented move, House Republicans debated energy policy and fielded questions from individuals in the House Gallery after House Democrats voted to adjourn for a five-week recess without addressing gasoline prices that still hover near \$4.

“It’s the People’s House, not the Speaker’s House, but Speaker Pelosi refused to allow us to vote on a real energy bill that the American people are demanding,” said U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland. “We were willing to stay to do everything possible to stabilize skyrocketing energy costs, not ignore the call to action by the American public.”

Hoekstra used new technology titled Twitter to provide real-time updates of the events as Speaker Pelosi shut off the lights, microphones and television cameras on House Republicans.

Hoekstra’s posts included, “Standing applause for last speaker. People on the floor cheering wildly. They love it. They're into it.”

“Shame! Shame! Capital Hill police working under strict orders to shut Capital down at 430 pm today. Speaker Pelosi wants this shut down now.”

“Crowd. Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! They got the message.”

“Speaker Pelosi tried to silence us, but new technology enabled House Republicans to continue to engage the American people,” Hoekstra said. “We understand the impact of high energy costs and the need to address the issue. Adjourning for five weeks while prices remain at record highs is a complete abdication of responsibility.”

Individuals can follow future twitter postings directly from the congressman at <http://twitter.com/petehoekstra>.