

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Support the Olver/Gilchrest Amendment MOVE FORWARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Current rider on the bill

Section 726: None of the funds... shall be used to propose or issue rules, regulations, decrees, or orders for the purpose of implementation, or in preparation for implementation, of the Kyoto Protocol which was adopted on December 11, 1997, in Kyoto, Japan.

Why do we still have the rider?

- * The rider is used by Members to try to prevent federal agencies from taking action on climate change. The Inspector Generals of the EPA, DOE, and State Department were required in 2000 to investigate allegations of violations by these agencies. Each of the three agencies found no instances of violation.
- * This gag rule makes it difficult for agencies to work on any issues related to climate change – including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, signed by President Bush in 1992 and ratified by the Senate.

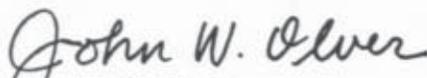
Why should we move forward and eliminate the rider?

- * We need to send a positive message to the international community that the US is willing to play a leadership role in the climate change discussion, instead of continuing to look backward.
- * In the past, sponsors of the rider said the language was to prevent the Clinton Administration from implementing the Kyoto Protocol, prior to ratification of that treaty by the US Senate. The existing language is irrelevant, given the Bush Administration's position on Kyoto.
- * Whether you agree or disagree with the Administration, eliminating this language sends a positive message to move forward in the development of policies that are consistent with the domestic and international interests of the US.

**Send a clear message to the US public
that the House of Representatives is moving forward
in the climate change debate**

VOTE YES/STRIKE THE RIDER

Olver/Gilchrest Amendment to Agriculture Appropriations


Rep. John W. Olver

Sincerely,


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