

(10) increasing vertical integration has allowed—

(A) the 5 largest oil companies in the United States to control almost as much crude oil production as the Middle Eastern members of OPEC, over ½ of domestic refiner capacity, and over 60 percent of the retail gasoline market; and

(B) Exxon/Mobil, BP, Royal Dutch Shell Group, Conoco/Philips, and Chevron/Texaco to increase first quarter profits of 2005 over first quarter profits of 2004 by 36 percent, for total first quarter profits of over \$25,000,000,000;

(1) the Administration has failed to manage the SPR in a manner that would provide gasoline price relief to working families; and

(2) the Administration has failed to adequately demand that OPEC immediately increase oil production in order to lower crude oil prices and safeguard the world economy.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the President should—

(1) directly confront OPEC and challenge OPEC to immediately increase oil production; and

(2) direct the Federal Trade Commission and Attorney General to exercise vigorous oversight over the oil markets to protect the people of the United States from price gouging and unfair practices at the gasoline pump.

(c) RELEASE OF OIL FROM SPR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, 1,000,000 barrels of oil per day shall be released from the SPR.

(2) ADDITIONAL RELEASE.—If necessary to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and to circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall crude oil profits, 1,000,000 barrels of oil per day shall be released from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for an additional 30 days.

SA 806. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 6, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 767, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(3) PETROLEUM COKE GASIFICATION PROJECTS.—At least 5 petroleum coke gasification projects.

SA 807. Mr. OBAMA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 37, between the matter following line 12 and line 13, insert the following:

SEC. 109. INDUSTRIAL NATURAL GAS EFFICIENCY PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a 2-year pilot program (referred to in this section as the “program”) to demonstrate the effectiveness of energy efficiency improvements that reduce natural gas usage in the industrial sector.

(b) PROGRAM COORDINATOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The program shall be administered by a program coordinator, to be designated by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) DESIGNATION.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment this Act, the Secretary shall designate as program coordinator an energy resource center that is—

(1) located in the midwestern United States;

(2) affiliated with a major land-grant university; and

(3) certified by a State board of higher education.

(c) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall provide, in accordance with the guidelines established under paragraph (2), grants to eligible entities from the industrial sector to pay the Federal share of the costs of eligible projects to reduce natural gas usage by implementing energy efficiency improvements.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Grants shall be provided under paragraph (1) on a competitive basis, in accordance with guidelines established by the program coordinator.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS.—A project for which assistance may be provided a grant under this subsection includes a project for—

(A) steam production and distribution;

(B) efficiency upgrades and heat recovery for process heating and cooling project;

(C) compressed air technologies;

(D) combined heat and power applications; and

(E) improvements in motor technologies.

(4) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a project under this subsection shall be not more than 30 percent.

(d) EDUCATION.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary and the program coordinator shall make available to industries information on energy-efficient technologies that reduce industrial natural gas usage to encourage industries to invest in the energy-efficient technologies.

(e) REPORT.—On completion of the program, the program coordinator shall submit to Congress a report that—

(1) describes the results and successes of the program; and

(2) makes recommendations for any appropriate actions that would encourage industrial energy-efficiency investments.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2008, of which \$8,000,000 shall be made available to carry out subsection (c).

SA 808. Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6, Reserved; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 346, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TRANSPORTATION FUELS FROM ILLINOIS BASIN COAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a program to evaluate the commercial and technical viability of advanced technologies for the production of Fischer-Tropsch transportation fuels, and other transportation fuels, manufactured from Illinois basin coal, including the capital modification of existing facilities and the construction of testing facilities under subsection (b).

(b) FACILITIES.—For the purpose of evaluating the commercial and technical viability of different processes for producing Fischer-Tropsch transportation fuels, and other transportation fuels, from Illinois basin coal, the Secretary shall support the use and capital modification of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities at—

(1) Southern Illinois University Coal Research Center;

(2) University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research; and

(3) Energy Center at Purdue University.

(c) GASIFICATION PRODUCTS TEST CENTER.—In conjunction with the activities described in subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall construct a test center to evaluate and confirm liquid and gas products from syngas catalysis in order that the system has an output of at least 500 gallons of Fischer-Tropsch transportation fuel per day in a 24-hour operation.

(d) MILESTONES.—

(1) SELECTION OF PROCESSES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall select processes for evaluating the commercial and technical viability of different processes of producing Fischer-Tropsch transportation fuels, and other transportation fuels, from Illinois basin coal.

(2) AGREEMENTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall offer to enter into agreements—

(A) to carry out the activities described in this section, at the facilities described in subsection (b); and

(B) for the capital modifications or construction of the facilities at the locations described in subsection (b).

(3) EVALUATIONS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Act, the Secretary shall begin, at the facilities described in subsection (b), evaluation of the technical and commercial viability of different processes of producing Fischer-Tropsch transportation fuels, and other transportation fuels, from Illinois basin coal.

(4) CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall construct the facilities described in subsection (b) at the lowest cost practicable.

(B) GRANTS OR AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may make grants or enter into agreements or contracts with the institutions of higher education described in subsection (b).

(e) COST SHARING.—The cost of making grants under this section shall be shared in accordance with section 1002.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$85,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 3 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the water supply status in the Pacific Northwest and its impact on power production, as well as to receive testimony on S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.