

As the memo points out, and the article also states, contrary to administration statements, some within the executive branch have serious reservations about regulating CO₂ through the Clean Air Act. They highlight that such regulation will place a tremendous cost on our economy. I share their concerns, and I have introduced H.R. 391 to prohibit the EPA from undertaking such regulation.

The regulation of greenhouse gases by the EPA would, and I am quoting from the memo here, "is likely to have serious economic consequences."

Mr. Speaker, we all know what that is, and we know it will be realized if the cap-and-trade bill currently under consideration is passed.

I encourage everyone to join me on H.R. 391 and to read the memos.

GROW CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, Americans are an optimistic people. That was confirmed yesterday when results came out showing that Americans believe, by a 2-1 margin, that we will grow clean energy jobs by the millions when we adopt a clean energy bill in this House, and they are right.

We should be optimistic that we are going to build electric cars and sell them to the rest of the world, not just China. We ought to be optimistic that we are going to build concentrated solar energy technology and sell it to the rest of the world.

We ought to be optimistic that we are going to build the electric batteries that will fuel our cars and help make our grid more responsive.

This is the optimism that those of us have who are going to pass a clean energy bill this year to make this happen.

Here is another reason for optimism. Yesterday we reached a consensus in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. With broad swathes of the country, the south-north industrial egg, we have reached a consensus that we are going to grow jobs everywhere in this country because we are the optimists, and the optimists are going to win this clean energy debate.

REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, this Congress will soon move to reform our health care system, and none too soon. And when we do, I hope there is one prerequisite, one standard that we can all agree on, and that is the essential fact that we need to make sure that every American has health insurance.

Yesterday, on television, I saw a commentator arguing against health

insurance for everyone saying, I don't want to pay for health insurance for my neighbor. Well, if I were his neighbor, what I would say is, You had better want to, because you, like every other American, is one pink slip, one cancer diagnosis, one serious accident away from being among the 47 to 50 million Americans without insurance and who face financial ruin because of that problem.

Yes, we may differ on the details. We may figure out and have a substantial debate about how we get there. But unless we make sure that every American has health insurance, then every neighbor is going to be paying far more than he or she should for their coverage, and we will continue to have a system which is not what the American people deserve.

WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON MIDDLE EAST OIL

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have been here for about 20 years now and I have been through various crises, in the 1970s with energy and gas prices and, of course, one that we just faced within the last year or so.

The bottom line is that we need energy independence. We can't continue to depend on Middle East oil. At the same time we have a global climate crisis. Anyone who denies it is just kidding themselves.

So basically what we are doing here in the House is coming up with a bill that will probably come to the floor within the next 2 weeks that tries to achieve energy independence and also addresses the problem of global warming, but at the same time creates a lot of jobs. Because as we move towards renewables, whether it be solar or wind or geothermal, there are a lot of jobs in research and development. There are jobs in actually building those facilities. There are jobs in trying to create more energy efficiency.

And these jobs that would be created, these are the kinds of high-technology jobs, if you will, as well as construction jobs, that we really need, because a lot of people are out of work and are not working in similar industries. Their activities can be basically transferred to these new kinds of job opportunities.

So I want to stress that this energy bill is a job creation bill.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2187, 21ST CENTURY GREEN HIGH-PERFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution H. Res. 427 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 427

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2187) to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. I further ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. I yield myself such time as I may consume.