

INTRODUCING OIL INDEPENDENCE  
FOR A STRONGER AMERICA ACT  
OF 2010

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act of 2010, a bipartisan bill to help transition our transportation sector from an oil-based system to one based on electricity and natural gas. This legislation is a significant investment in our shared goals to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and ramp up production of homegrown biofuels in states like Washington that can spur our economy and create American jobs. As many of you know, the U.S. has only two percent of the world's oil reserves while we consume 23 percent of the world's oil. The status quo is not in our national security interests, or economic interests. Of all the oil that is used in the United States each day, 57 percent is imported, and 70 percent of that imported oil comes from countries that do not enjoy many of the same basic freedoms as U.S. citizens. Further, this addiction costs the U.S. economy close to \$1 billion per day. This imbalance of supply and demand means that the U.S. will be dependent on foreign sources of oil unless we create smart and thoughtful policies to invest in America's clean energy technologies and infrastructure.

This bill provides the necessary framework for the United States change invigorate new American industries and kick our oil habit. To put this in perspective everyone should know that approximately one-third of the total amount of energy consumed in the United States is to fuel the 249 million vehicles that are burning gas on our highways.

The Oil Independence for a Stronger America Act of 2010 contains language that has the goal of reducing our dependence on oil by approximately 3 billion barrels per year, a number that represents nearly all of our oil imports. This bill would:

1. Establish the National Energy Security Program to coordinate oil reduction efforts across all of government
2. Help deploy electric and natural gas vehicles though tax credits and deployment demonstration projects
3. Amend current federal transportation planning rules to include planning for oil savings in transportation infrastructure plans developed by states and authorize funding for projects to implement the plans
4. Help the U.S. advanced biofuels industry scale up to commercial levels
5. Support research and development in battery technologies

In addition to strengthening America by reigning in our oil consumption the legislation also has very positive environmental benefits. Almost 1/3 of all the Green House Gas, GHG, emissions in the U.S. come from the transportation sector. Switching over 60 percent of our transportation sector to electric vehicles would cut emissions by 33 percent. This is the equivalent of taking 82 million gas burning cars off the road.

In the great state of Washington, interests from the private and public sectors are already working to bring electric vehicles and the as-

sociated infrastructure to the 1-5 corridor. Their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation. Realizing the goals of this legislation will ensure that the U.S. secures its competitive edge in this field.

This legislation is a win-win-win for the future of the United States. We can help secure our nation's energy resources, reduce our nations greenhouse gas emissions significantly which will help mitigate issues of global climate change, and ensure that innovative transportation technologies like advanced batteries and advanced biofuels are made here in the United States. In closing, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill, and hope that we can work together to move it toward passage as soon as possible.

ARTUR DAVIS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today to honor Congressman ARTUR DAVIS. During the past eight years, Congressman DAVIS has represented Alabama's seventh congressional district with earnest dedication.

An Alabama native, Congressman DAVIS was raised by his mother and grandmother. Despite his family's modest means, he excelled in school and graduated with honors from both Harvard University and Harvard Law School. As a law student, he worked for the Southern Poverty Law Center and for U.S. Senator Howell Heflin. From 1994 to 1998, he served as a Federal prosecutor in Montgomery and earned an almost perfect trial conviction record. He spent the following four years as a litigator in private practice until he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2002.

During his eight years in office, Congressman DAVIS has become well known for his political acumen and public speaking ability. He gained national recognition when he garnered significant bipartisan support to pass the HOPE VI program to improve public housing. Significantly, Congressman DAVIS was also a major player responsible for the reopening of the Pigford black farmer's lawsuit. Among his national honors, Esquire Magazine selected him as one of the top ten best Congressmen in America.

Congressman DAVIS has served admirably as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the House Administration Committee. He made an impressive contribution to the Democratic Party during the 2008 election cycle as the Recruitment Chair for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Congressman DAVIS is a passionate and pragmatic legislator, who has fought to improve the lives of the people in his district and throughout the country. On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I honor Congressman ARTUR DAVIS.

IN NATE A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO CPL. NATHAN "NATE" SCHAMING 82ND AIRBORNE 1/504 PIR CO. THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, Corporal Nate Schaming of Ohio, and The United States Army . . . 82nd Airborne Division 1/504 PIR C Co., lost both his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq on 12/01/07. Like many of our heroes who come home from war, he must begin a new battle and a new fight. As we watch him in awe, as he rebuilds his life, with but only his faith and great courage to sustain him . . . Another key part of his recovery, can also be directly attributed to his wonderful mother Pamela who has been there day and night. Any doctor or nurse will tell you that the family members are the true Unsung Heroes in recovery . . . and they are key to it. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

In . . . Nate . . .

Born with it, something so very great!

Inherent, the nature or something . . . belonging to . . . In Nate, that's what you do!

An Army Man, Who So Can! One of Ohio's, who's who!

A future Hero seen, who from deep down within him . . . such his greatness would convene!

When courage crests . . . Like John Glenn, Oh Those Most Heroic Ohio Men . . . But, The Best!

Who lock and load . . .

The ones, who live by the greatest of all honor codes . . .

Who but for us, them and their families . . . bare the load . . .

Who all in times of war, who with such hearts of courage sure . . .

Ensure our victory, all out upon death's road!

To lose your once strong two fine young legs! As upon, them . . . such speed they gave!

While then somehow to rebuild . . . while so close to the grave!

With but with only lies within a heart, so brave . . .

Surely, but coming from down within . . . coming from Nate!

A man from that Buckeye State . . .

Who has taken all of this pain and heartache . . .

For him, Heaven would have to wait . . .

As with a mother's help so great . . . his new life he creates!

For God is Good, and God is Great!

All in such men and women of honor, he so creates . . .

All within hearts which will not hesitate, from somewhere deep down within . . . inside so states!

So states, all about Courage and Faith . . . Whose fine hearts, are so full of character . . . as so In Nate . . .

Who Teach Us All, Who Reach Us All . . . Who So Beseech Us and Do So State!

Of what we are born with . . .

And the kind of courage, we are warmed with . . . that which so ever lives on which states!

For as we stand here this day and see, what is good . . . what is great . . .

What is so . . . In Nate!

As now we understand, The Greatest Of All Things . . .