

that we have a vote, the very thing that then-minority leader NANCY PELOSI demanded, saying that the minority party should have the right to present its alternatives, have a debate and have a vote. That's what we've been asking for for weeks and weeks and weeks.

We believe that we need a comprehensive all-of-the-above energy plan. This is not a comprehensive, all-of-the-above energy plan. This is not.

Just for example, in the American Energy Act, the Republican bill, we call for emission-free nuclear power. This is the one place in the world I can think of where the French actually have it right. They get 80 percent of their electrical power from nuclear energy.

We haven't built a new nuclear energy plant in this country in years, and we never will if we adopt this plan. We need a comprehensive all-of-the-above plan.

REPUBLICANS GET IT

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

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, the number one cost in manufacturing is energy. The number one cost of job loss in America is the high cost of energy.

Now, the Chinese get that. The Chinese are building 32 nuclear power plants.

The country of India, they get it. Seventeen new nuclear power plants.

Even Abu Dhabi and Dubai, oil rich Arab countries, United Emirates, they sell us their oil and they're building nuclear power plants so they don't have to use their oil, they can sell it to us.

Listen, all these countries get it. The Republican bill gets it. It has nuclear energy. But JOE BIDEN, Senator OBAMA, they don't get it. The Democrats don't get it. There's no nuclear energy in their bill.

We'll continue to lose jobs. We'll continue to have high cost of energy, and most importantly, we will not be able to compete with the world because they are building nuclear power and cheap energy while we're not.

We need to vote for a real bill, not this sham.

GOVERNMENT 101

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, now, this is going to be a lesson in Government 101. Now, 2 years ago, and this may surprise a lot of the American people and even some Members that follow politics, but the Democrats seized control of the Congress. They control the House, the Senate.

Now, people across the country woke up this morning and yesterday and saw

the financial markets implode across the United States. Now, who's in charge, the Democrats or the Republicans?

Now, for 2 years they promised us change. Look at the financial leadership of the House of Representatives. Look at the leadership of the Ways and Means Committee, right now under siege.

They promised us and the American people that they would have a policy, the Pelosi Energy Policy, some 2 years ago when gas prices were hovering around \$2.

They control the process. We don't control the process. Now, they have brought out a sham. They are in control, and we have the highest energy prices in a bill that does nothing to solve the problem.

That's Government 101.

A STORM SWEEPING THIS CHAMBER

(Ms. GRANGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, a terrible storm has swept over my home State of Texas, brought devastation to neighborhoods and communities; 2,500 search and rescue missions out, 2 million people without energy in their home probably for 3 weeks.

There's another storm that will sweep this Chamber and this Nation over the hoax of this energy, this energy bill that brings no energy to the American people, at a time when we need the shot in the arm for the long term, as well as for today.

This bill that's been brought as if it were a real bill, brought, passed in the dead of night, brought with no debate, no discussion, no input, no process, a process that has stood us well for decades, for centuries, no process, no offshore exploration, no oil shale resources, no refineries, no drilling in ANWR, no nuclear, no coal, no energy, no nothing, and no commitment to the American people who support this and understand what we should be doing, what they deserve, what they respect, what is our job.

What a hoax. What a disappointment.

DEATH PENALTY FOR POWER AND ENERGY

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, this bill might be called the death penalty for power and energy. Why do I say that?

If you look at how we utilize lethal injection in this country, the first injection actually sedates the individual. The second injection paralyzes the heart, thus killing the individual. What we have here is the first part of it is sedation. That's the bill today that claims it's for energy.

But the fact of the matter is, with the litigation explosion we have based on the extremists in the environmental movement, the coconspirators with the Democratic Party on this, they've basically paralyzed our efforts to get any energy. Every single lease that's been granted over the last 2 years has been sued against. As a matter of fact, there are two lawsuits now that are already in effect with anything that we will lease in the future. So who's kidding whom?

Let's break this conspiracy that exists between the extremists on the environmental side and the Democratic leadership. Let's give us real power. Let's reject this death penalty for power and energy that they're calling an energy bill. It's a fraud on the American people. We ought to understand that.

We need to do better. The American people need to do better. Let me tell you this: If the Democrats have run out of energy, there's plenty of energy on this side of the aisle to do the right thing.

DRILLING OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST

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

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, Virginia's Second District includes the entire Atlantic coast in Virginia.

Today, I see that the rumors that we've heard all weekend are true. This bill supposedly opens drilling, but really, it doesn't. The first 50 miles are closed. The second 50-100 miles are open at State option, but no royalties to those coastal States.

Virginia gets zero. Look at Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, 37.5 percent. Every other coastal State, zero.

The effect of this legislation will be none of these coastal States will allow for drilling. So industry will now look at 100 miles out or more. Problem with that? Resources within the first 50 miles.

America needs to realize that we are the only Nation that does not take resources from our Outer Continental Shelf. The American families are hurting. American businesses are hurting, and look at the impact on our economy. After all of these months of bills on the floor and discussion on the floor, this is the result of this bill. It's not only a hoax, it is cruel to American families and American businesses.

LITIGATION IS KILLING AMERICAN JOBS

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

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, a generation ago, extreme environmentalists began filing lawsuits to stop the production of timber in the United States.