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Energy Bill Makes Bad Energy Outlook Worse --National & Homeland Security Threatened

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The energy bill Congress sent to the White House today guarantees America's continued dangerous, dependence on Middle East oil. The U.S. holds between 2 and 3% of world oil reserves, the Persian Gulf nations hold 50% and the Middle East dominated OPEC cartel controls 61%. Middle East dictators have oil staying power; the U. S. and Western democracies do not.

“The bill subsidizes more rapid depletion of dwindling U.S. oil reserves. Subsidized oil production means faster oil depletion, an increasingly dangerous dependence on Middle East oil, the dictators who control it, and the terrorists who influence them” said author Roy McAlister, a Cleanpeace. org Co-President and a world authority on clean fuel production from wind, wave, biomass and solar energy.

America's prosperity and security depend on adequate supplies of the cheap oil that powers the nation's economy. Increasing dependence on Middle East oil supplies that can be disrupted by violence or political change at any time threatens both.

The energy bill also heavily subsidizes depletable radioactive energy, coal and other fossil fuels while short-changing undepletable energy.

This severe imbalance in funding and policy advantages makes fossil and radioactive energy appear less expensive than undepletable energy discouraging its commercialization and sustaining windfall profits for big oil.

“The bill protects oil and OPEC from real competition. It stacks the competitive deck against undepletable energy and that stacks the deck against America.” said Bill Garrett, a Co-President of Cleanpeace.org, a non-profit clean, undepletable, energy advocacy group.

“Earth collects more energy from the sun in one day than all the oil it ever contained. Nature stores vast amounts of this energy in wind, wave action, biomass and direct solar in sun-scorched deserts. All these abundant forms of solar energy can be converted to hydrogen and fuel America’s existing utility, industrial, transportation and agricultural engines without pollution.” said McAlister.

Radioactive power (Nukes) can not safely fill the oil gap. The fossil resources subsidized by the energy bill cannot be mined and processed into oil fast enough to replace the gushes of oil that have fueled American and world prosperity. “The energy bill’s priorities are simply wrong, Said Garrett.

“It would take over 2000 mammoth one giga-watt radioactive power plants to make up oil’s decline. Storing and protecting the radioactive wastes these nuclear plants will produce prohibits nuclear power from being cost effective.” Said McAlister

McAlister continued, “Congress’ energy bill amounts to little more than a Big Oil boondoggle and a multi-billion dollar giveaway to giant energy corporations. It puts taxpayer money in the wrong place, at the wrong time and for the wrong reasons. It continues short-changing abundant solar resources and it fails to equalize subsidies and policy advantages between depletable energy and undepletable energy. The bill should be dubbed “The Great Mistake”

“By passing this bill, Congress sent a message to America’s friends and foes that the United States has surrendered its energy future to those who hold the oil when it needed to send a Declaration of Energy Independence and set an undepletable energy policy to back it up.” said Garrett

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