



House Republicans

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- The House GOP's nationwide gas prices protest rolls on today, with Members promoting their "[all of the above](#)" energy plan to lower gas prices on the House floor and in local communities across the country. Meanwhile, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and her Democratic colleagues are still reeling from her comments to CNN's [Larry King](#) that the House "can have a vote" on expanded drilling for oil and gas. For the last 36 hours, Democrats have scrambled to explain away those comments and today will convene an all-hands-on-deck conference call to determine their latest energy "strategy."
- Why are the Democrats so panicked? Well, aside from the fact that they continue to be on the wrong side of public opinion on the number one issue on the minds of the American people, the fact is, Speaker Pelosi and her Democratic colleagues really don't support more drilling for oil and gas to help bring down fuel costs. After all, they've spent months blocking a vote on increased production of American energy for precisely that reason. An editorial in today's [Investor's Business Daily](#) reports that the Democrats' latest tactic may be to load up a bill that contains more energy production

with scores of unrelated items, including tax hikes and taxpayer-funded pork.

- As House Democrats huddle today to determine their next move against a real vote on lower fuel costs, Americans are right to be skeptical. After all, the Speaker has derailed the FY 2009 appropriations process in order to avoid a vote on the GOP's "[all of the above](#)" energy plan, used parliamentary trickery to avoid Republican amendments to bolster American energy production, and blocked consideration of the [American Energy Act](#) (H.R. 6566), the House Republicans' comprehensive bill to increase production of American energy, promote more conservation and efficiency, and encourage the use of more alternative and renewable fuels.