



House Republicans

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A noteworthy [\*Washington Post\*](#) editorial this morning which highlighted the fact that “Speaker Pelosi won't let the House debate the merits of offshore drilling.” Here’s just a few excerpts from the editorial:

*“Why not have a vote on offshore drilling? There’s a serious debate to be had over whether Congress should lift the ban on drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf that has been in place since 1981. Unfortunately, you won't be hearing it in the House of Representatives -- certainly, you won't find lawmakers voting on it -- anytime soon.”*

*“Instead of dealing with the issue on the merits, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), a staunch opponent of offshore drilling, has simply decreed that she will not allow a drilling vote to take place on the House floor.”*

*“When they took the majority, House Democrats proclaimed that ‘bills should generally come to the floor under a procedure that allows open, full and fair*

*debate consisting of a full amendment process that grants the Minority the right to offer its alternatives.’ Why not on drilling? ... “[W]hy are they so worried about letting it come to a vote?*

This week, House Republicans introduced the American Energy Act to increase American-made energy and help lower gas prices, and a solid majority of the American people and a bipartisan majority in Congress support it. The measure encourages more conservation and efficiency, promotes the use of alternative fuels, and increases environmentally-responsible production of American energy – all to help bring down the price at the pump for families and small businesses.

It is time for Speaker Pelosi and Senators Reid and Obama to stop blocking an up-or-down vote to help lower gas prices. Congress should not leave for the August recess without giving the American Energy Act the vote it deserves.