

Daily Fact Sheet for July 31, 2008

Thumbing their nose at the American people, Democratic leaders yesterday voted to adjourn the House for five weeks until September 8 without an up-or-down vote on the <u>American Energy Act</u> (H.R. 6566), comprehensive legislation to help lower gasoline prices by increasing production of American energy, encouraging conservation and efficiency, and promoting alternative fuels.

- The Democratic Majority delivered the ultimate insult to the solid majority of Americans and a bipartisan majority in Congress who want an up-ordown vote on more American-made energy.
- Instead of listening to the American people, Speaker Pelosi and Senators Reid and Obama bowed to their allies at radical special interest groups like the Sierra Club, which has plainly stated that America is 'better off without cheap gas' and is running ads in support of their freshman Democratic members.

- Even in Speaker Pelosi's home state, according to a <u>San Francisco Chronicle</u> story this morning, a majority of Californians support responsible drilling: "A majority of Californians favor more oil drilling off the coast, according to a statewide survey released Wednesday ... <u>The support by 51 percent of</u> <u>residents polled this month by the Public Policy</u> <u>Institute of California represents a shift caused by</u> renewed Republican advocacy for drilling as well as motorists' reaction to soaring pump prices, according to the pollster."
- The American people want a vote on more American energy; they want lower gas prices; and they won't stop until they get it – even if out-of-touch Democratic leaders and their 'Drill-Nothing Congress' continue to defy their will.