

Daily Fact Sheet for July 16, 2008

How hostile are Democratic leaders toward increased energy supplies? So hostile that today, they have scheduled a vote on a bill that will actually stop a critical supply of energy that could help reduce home heating costs in the Northeast.

- The Majority is bringing to the floor today H.R. 415, a measure to designate Massachusetts' Taunton River a federally-recognized "wild and scenic river." But it is neither wild nor scenic. So what's the real reason for this designation? The bill – authored by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), whose district houses part of the river – would stop the planned construction of a liquefied natural gas facility that would increase energy supplies to residents of the Northeast.
- That's right: one of the House's most senior and powerful Democrats is slamming the breaks on a facility that would increase energy production to help lower home heating costs for countless families and seniors in New England. Now that's hostile!
- Here what a recent editorial from the *Wall Street Journal* said: "Mr. Frank's real agenda can be spied on the right-hand shore in this picture. This is the proposed site of a terminal for importing liquefied natural gas (LNG). The terminal would be located right about where those five white storage tanks are at the top of the picture – hardly untrammelled wilderness. The Congressman, whose district includes part of Fall River and the Taunton River, has long opposed the LNG port." – **"Mr. Frank's Wild River," [Wall Street Journal editorial](#), 7/9/08**