

Daily Fact Sheet for July 15, 2008

- Today Rep. Thelma Drake (R-VA) filed a discharge petition aimed at forcing Democrat leaders to schedule a vote on the Fuel Mandate Reduction Act (H.R. 2493), legislation authored by Republican Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO) to reduce the price of gasoline by removing fuel blend requirements and government mandates that contribute to high gas prices
- The current gasoline supply includes specially formulated fuels, which are required by law in certain communities. When supplies of one or more of these special blends are limited, prices rise quickly, intensifying consumers' pain at the pump. By simplifying the U.S. fuel supply mix, the Fuel Mandate Reduction Act would make more fuel supplies available to communities and help reduce gas prices.
- If rank-and-file Democrats are truly concerned about reducing the price of gasoline on behalf of American consumers, they will sign Rep. Drake's petition to force Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), Majority Leader Hoyer (D-MD), and their colleagues in the Democratic leadership to bring this common sense legislation to the floor.
- With August recess rapidly approaching, Members on both sides of the aisle must begin speaking with one voice: we should not leave town without giving the American people the energy reforms to lower gas prices they expect and deserve