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# Alexander Demands Vote on American Energy Act

## *Congressman Says Inaction Hurts Consumers*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today released the following statement after House Republicans unveiled the American Energy Act during a 2 p.m. press conference held on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building.

Alexander joined his colleagues in demanding a vote on the comprehensive piece of legislation before Congress adjourns for the August recess. The bill contains language from multiple energy bills that have been introduced into the House of Representatives.

**“This legislation addresses every aspect of the energy crisis – the need for immediate relief by increasing American-made energy, the need to improve energy conservation and efficiency, and the need to increase alternative and renewable energy technologies,”** Alexander said.

**“House leadership has failed to produce a plan of their own to lead the American people out of this crisis. The American Energy Act is a comprehensive solution that represents the will and needs of the American people. It is time for House leadership to do what they vowed to do before taking hold of the majority nearly two years ago – pass a commonsense plan to lower gas prices.”**

*Note: Key measures in the American Energy Act are as follows:*

### Supply

- *Open our deep water ocean resources, which will provide an additional three million barrels of oil per day, as well as 76 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, as proposed in H.R. 6108 by Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC). Rep. John Peterson (R-PA) has also worked tirelessly on this issue.*
- *Open the Arctic coastal plain, which will provide an additional one million*

- barrels of oil per day, as proposed in H.R. 6107 by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) ;*
- Allow development of our nation’s shale oil resources, which could provide an additional 2.5 million barrels of oil per day, as proposed in H.R. 6138 by Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI); and*
- Increase the supply of gas at the pump by cutting bureaucratic red tape that essentially blocks construction of new refineries, as proposed in H.R. 6139 by Reps. Heather Wilson (R-NM) and Joe Pitts (R-PA).*

#### Conservation

- Provide tax incentives for businesses and families that purchase more fuel efficient vehicles, as proposed in H.R. 1618 and H.R. 765 by Reps. Dave Camp (R-MI) and Jerry Weller (R-IL);*
- Provide a monetary prize for developing the first economically feasible, super-fuel-efficient vehicle reaching 100 miles-per-gallon, as proposed in H.R. 6384 by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT); and*
- Provide tax incentives for businesses and homeowners who improve their energy efficiency, as proposed in H.R. 5984 by Reps. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) and Phil English (R-PA) and in H.R. 778 by Rep. Jerry Weller (R-IL).*

#### Alternative Energy

- Spur the development of alternative fuels through government contracting by repealing the “Section 526” prohibition on government purchasing of alternative energy and promoting coal-to-liquids technology, as proposed in H.R. 5656 by Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), in H.R. 6384 by Rob Bishop (R-UT), and in H.R. 2208 by Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL);*
- Establish a renewable energy trust fund using revenues generated by exploration in the deep ocean and on the Arctic coastal plain, as proposed by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA);*
- Permanently extend the tax credit for alternative energy production, including wind, solar and hydrogen, as proposed in H.R. 2652 by Rep. Phil English (R-PA) and in H.R. 5984 by Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD); and*
- Eliminate barriers to the expansion of emission-free nuclear power production, as proposed in H.R. 6384 by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT).*

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