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Shuster to Join House Republicans to Protest Democrat Inaction on Energy

Returns to Washington to Take Republican Energy Message Directly to the People

Washington, D.C. – Tomorrow, **Congressman Bill Shuster** will join his colleagues on the House floor to take part in the Republican protest against Democrat inaction on energy and gas prices.

Last Friday, Speaker Pelosi adjourned the House for a five week recess. Congressman Shuster along with all of his Republican colleagues and a handful of pro-energy Democrats opposed that adjournment.

Instead of allowing the customary time after last Friday's session for House members to speak on the floor, Speaker Pelosi shut off the lights, turned off the C-Span cameras and cut the microphones to deny Republicans the opportunity to speak out in favor of their energy plan, the "American Energy Act."

In a spontaneous and historic move, a handful of Republican members refused to leave the chamber. They began speaking, in relative darkness without the aid of microphones, to the tourists and staff visiting the House chamber in to protest Speaker Pelosi's refusal to allow a simple up or down vote on domestic energy production.

Since the first day of the protest, the number of Republican members speaking on the floor has grown and tomorrow Congressman Shuster will lend his voice to the effort.

Although no cameras are allowed into the House chamber, House Republican Leadership is live blogging the protest on the following sites: <u>http://www.gop.gov/energy/</u> and <u>http://gopleader.gov/blog/</u>.

To schedule an interview with Congressman Shuster tomorrow on the GOP energy protest, please contact Jeff Urbanchuk at <u>jg.urbanchuk@mail.house.gov</u> or 202-593-1040.