The Democrat Energy Bill is a Sham They've gone from 85 percent of the OCS Off Limits to More than 85 percent of the <u>Oil</u> Off limits

Dear Colleague:

Speaker Pelosi's Talking Points for the Press: "The compromise would permit leasing between 50 and 100 miles offshore if a State 'opts-in' to allow leasing off its coastline by enacting state law."

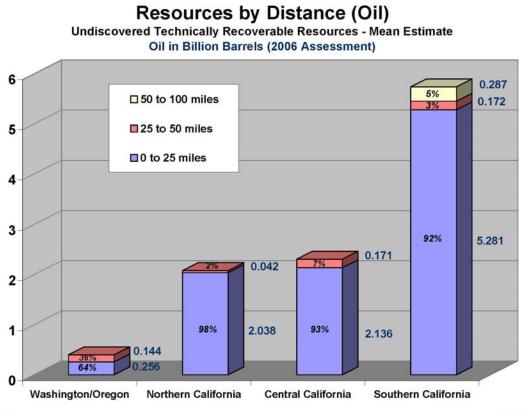
News Flash! If you live on the West Coast, this "compromise" *prohibits* access to <u>all</u> of the estimated oil in the federal OCS, except for 5% of the oil far off Southern California.

In other words, the Democrat Leadership is saying they're removing much of the moratorium, when in truth they're only removing it in the areas where the government has estimated there's almost no oil. The best areas are still off limits. States aren't even allowed to opt in to the areas where the oil is estimated to be.

This isn't an energy plan. It's a sham.

Sincerely,

/s DON YOUNG Ranking Member



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