

1980

Congress passes the **Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)**, sets aside 1.5 million acres of ANWR to study prospect of future energy development

1981

ANILCA “strikes a balance between protecting areas of great beauty and value and **allowing development of Alaska’s vital oil, gas, mineral and timber resources.**” – *President Jimmy Carter, final SOTU address, January 16*

Crude Oil

1982: \$31.83



1986

House Merchant Marine &
Fisheries Cmte approves
legislation calling for responsible
development of ANWR




1987

Interior Department analysis finds
between 5.7 and 16 billion barrels
of oil “technically recoverable”
along coastal plain



1989

“We will be doing the country a serious
disservice if we cast our vote on
ANWR based upon the current price of
oil. A much more relevant question is
what will be the price of oil **in 10 years**
– the length of time it will take to get
the first drop.” *Rep. Walter Jones, Sr.*
(D-N.C.), March 23



1989: \$13.58

1989

“Well, let me just explain to you ... if you approved drilling in the Arctic slope today ... it wouldn't come online **for 10 to 12 years.**” – *Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), April 10*

1990

“We've had 15 years or so with Prudhoe and we came out pretty good. The people who talked about ecological disaster have been proven wrong.” -- *Rep. Mo Udall (D-Ariz), September 10.*

1991

“It is, in reality, only a hope that we will be able to find 200 days' worth of oil ...provid[ing] a short-term and very small benefit to us **10 to 40 years from now.**” – *U.S. Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), October 31*

1991

Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn) filibusters ANWR provision in Johnston-Wallop, cloture fails 50 to 44.

1991: \$24.72




1992

“You cannot get that oil out of ANWR quickly; it takes **10 to 15 years** of extensive drilling to do that.” – *Rep. Phil Sharp (D-Ind.), author of Energy Policy Act of 1992, May 27*



1992

“We should not forget that any jobs created by opening ANWR would not, for the most part, happen until sometime **after the year 2000.**” – *Sen. Tim Wirth (D-Colo.), July 30*



1995

House vote on Budget Reconciliation plan including ANWR passes 227-203; Sen. Baucus's bid to strip ANWR amendment from bill defeated 51 to 48; **President Clinton vetoes the legislation.**

1999

Rep. Bruce Vento (D-Minn.) introduces bill declaring ANWR a "wilderness" zone. "Any legislation which would increase America's dependence on Middle East oil ... will not be considered by the Resources Committee during the 106th Congress." – *Chairman Don Young (R-Alaska), March 29*

1996: \$18.41

2000: \$32.32

1995

"For one thing, [they] assume that oil prices will be more than \$30 a barrel in the year 2000. **What are the chances of that?** Right now the price of West Texas intermediate crude is \$19 a barrel, with no real increase in sight." – *Interior Sec. Bruce Babbitt*

2000

ANWR "**would take 10 years** to come on line and provide only a few months' worth of energy supply for this country." – *Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), Oct. 24*




2001

Resources Committee passes Energy Security Act, which includes ANWR, by a vote of 26 to 17;. Markey amendment to strike ANWR from HR 4 is defeated 223 to 206; HR-4 is passes House 240 to 189



2003


Resources Committee votes 27-17 to strike an amendment seeking to remove ANWR from 2003 Energy Bill; Markey amendment to strike ANWR from HR 6 on the floor is defeated 228 to 197; HR 6 earns broad approval of House, 247 to 175





2005

Cantwell amendment to strike ANWR from budget resolution is defeated 51-49; Markey amendment striking ANWR from HR 6 defeated 231 to 200 on House floor



2005: \$59.18




2005

“It will open [ANWR] to oil and gas drilling, all for the sake of a 6-month supply of oil that will not even be available **for 10 years.**” – *Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif), April*



2005

“Drilling in ANWR will do little to reduce our current dependence on foreign oil because it will take more than **10 years**, yes, **more than 10 years** to process what little oil may be there.” – *Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif), April 20*





2008: \$117.18



2008

“It's well known on both sides that it will take **eight to 10 years** before any oil could be produced in ANWR.” -- *Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), May 1*

