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STATEMENT FROM BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER ENERGY PROJECT CHAIRS FORMER SEN. TRENT LOTT and GEN. JAMES L. JONES

ON SENATOR LUGAR'S 'PRACTICAL ENERGY PLAN OF 2011' BILL

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We congratulate Senator Lugar on his efforts to create approaches that address key elements of US energy policy. We believe this broad-based attempt to increase domestic oil and gas production, improve efficiency of our auto fleet and manufacturing, and invest in our energy infrastructure is the right direction for America. We also continue to believe that, in the face of serious energy security and economic challenges, this Congress has both the political incentive and policy imperative to produce important bipartisan energy legislation. We look forward to working with Members of both parties toward this goal.