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ATR MAY RATE Vote on H.R. 3221

*****Vote "NO" on H.R. 3221*****

H.R. 3221 is right in line with other so-called "energy measures" such as H.R. 1252, H.R. 6 and S. 1419 – all of which limit consumer choice and increase government regulation.

Specifically, the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) mandate will knowingly mandate unrealistic standards that states simply cannot meet; CAFE standard increases will threaten jobs and hurt the economy; and Title VII of H.R. 3221 punishes exploration and production of energy on federal lands.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimated that a CAFE increase will cost American drivers more than \$6.71 billion between 2001 and 2011 and American auto-related industries \$1.2 billion per year.

Furthermore, RPS is nothing more than a massive excise tax on rate paying consumers in states that cannot meet this standard.

This irresponsible legislation will lead to forced excise taxation on rate paying consumers in more than half the states. This amendment, by forcing states into regulation and dictating utility policy, is limiting consumer choice and violating the economy at the expense of the American taxpayer.

Make no mistake, these costs will not be absorbed by auto companies or utility companies, but passed onto the consumer in the form of higher user fees and increased taxes.

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