

(Washington, DC) - **Congressman Wally Herger delivered the following speech today on the House Floor, denouncing Speaker Pelosi's energy bill as a political exercise that offers no real solutions. He urged House Democrats to act quickly on a legitimate solution because the Democratic Leadership's targeted adjournment date for Congress, September 26, 2008, is rapidly approaching. Herger's remarks follow:**

"Democrats are wasting more time on a "no-energy" solution for our energy crisis. This bill says no to increasing American made energy and relieving energy costs for the American people.

"It says no to new refineries, and no to any provisions that would cut red-tape and increase American refining capacity of American made energy.

"It says no to lawsuit reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits from radical environmental groups that are intent on playing political games.

"The only thing they say yes to is an \$85 billion tax hike. It would include unfair penalties for states that simply can't adjust to a federally-mandated, one-size-fits-all "renewable electricity standard".

"America deserves an 'All of the Above' energy solution, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote down this bill."

You can find more information on why the Democratic Leadership's proposal will not provide substantive solutions to our energy crisis [here](#) .