A Comprehensive Energy Bill: Responsible Drilling and Investment in Renewables

In September 2008 the House of Representatives passed a comprehensive energy package, H.R. 6899, the Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act, that would invest in alternative energy sources and responsibly expand drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf. Specifically, this bill would extend and expand tax incentives for renewable energy and create a Renewable Energy Reserve to invest in clean, renewable energy resources.

Transportation and Energy Efficiency

For the first time in 32 years, we increased CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards for cars in H.R. 6. This bill provided new energy efficiency standards, made an historical commitment to American grown biofuels, and repealed some subsidies for big oil.

H.R. 6052, the Saving Energy through Public Transportation Act, encourages Americans to leave their cars at home and use public transportation by reducing fares for public transit. This bill passed the House of Representatives.