

HCR 56



Western States Petroleum Association



Thursday, April 16, 2009 - 3:00 p.m.
Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
Room 225

Re: HCR56 REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROTECT WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS BY OPPOSING OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SUPPORTING CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES.

Western States Petroleum Association is a non-profit trade association representing a broad spectrum of petroleum companies in Hawaii and five other western states.

We respectfully submit our comments on HCR56.

Over 60 percent of the petroleum America uses every day is imported from foreign countries. Some are unstable or hostile to US interests, creating poor domestic energy security. Hawaii is even more reliant on petroleum products for its energy needs and is currently engaged in the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative to lessen that dependence.

The US Energy Information Administration estimates, however, that even with dramatic growth in the use of renewable energy sources and technologies, fossil fuels will meet a significant amount of our nation's energy demand in 2030, with oil and gas providing more than 50 percent of US energy supplies.

Even if Hawaii is able to reduce this amount to a projected 30 percent, the need for domestic petroleum products is clear and members of Hawaii's U.S. Congressional delegation have supported development of domestic energy supplies.

The US Minerals Management Service (MMS) reports that federal lands onshore and offshore the US contain up to 116 billion barrels of undiscovered, technically recoverable crude oil and 650 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The crude oil resources, if developed and brought to market, represent enough oil to power 65 million cars for 60 years, and the natural gas is enough to heat 60 million homes for 160 years.

We believe that America must start today to address tomorrow's energy needs and improve our nation's energy security.

WSPA believes we can best meet those needs by using all forms of energy. That means developing alternative and renewable energy supplies and producing more domestic energy resources. We also need greater conservation and improved operating efficiency,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.

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Comments:

Animal Rights Hawai'i urges protection of the animals of ANWR and the proximate off shore shelf.

Rather than continuing to rely upon non renewable resources, we should be supporting development of humane, environmentally sensitive energy sources.

From: aabaer@aol.com
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Please do everything you can to oppose the drilling of oil and gas.
Alaska is the 4th most polluted state in the union due to this industry.
The money could also be better spent on alternative energy, which studies show would produce jobs as well.

Sincerely,
Andrea Baer