

9/17/2008- Republicans are not Working to Lower Gas Prices

Mr. Speaker,

Both Democrats and Republicans have been talking about high gas prices for months. At first, Republicans said we just needed to drill. But then they joined us in saying that a more comprehensive "all of the above" proposal was in order. It turns out that was just all talk.

Democrats have been trying to reverse the failed Bush policies of the past, but Republicans keep saying no.

We proposed legislation to crack down on price gouging and curb excess speculation, but House Republicans said no.

We proposed lowering gas prices immediately by tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, but House Republicans said no.

We proposed legislation that would force Big Oil to drill on 68 million acres of land to increase oil production here at home, but House Republicans said no.

And yesterday, we passed an "all of the above" energy package to bring down prices and invest in America's energy future, but again, House Republicans said no.

Mr. Speaker, it seems like the Republicans don't actually solve the crisis. They just want to talk about the crisis.