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Hensarling Rips Sham Democrat “No-Energy” Bill *“If anyone is price gouging consumers, it is Speaker Pelosi and Democrats in the House.”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chairman of the [House Republican Study Committee](#), today issued the following statement after Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrats in the House refused to allow a vote on the comprehensive American Energy Act and instead offered a hoax bill that would permanently prevent exploration of nearly 90 percent of the Outer Continental Shelf for American energy and block energy production in arctic Alaska and the Inter-Mountain West:

“Since the Democrats took control of the House, Americans have watched prices at the pump increase by 75 percent. Americans watched as Democrats, led by Speaker Pelosi, took a five-week vacation this summer while they suffered. Today, Americans watch as Democrats refuse to allow a vote on the comprehensive American Energy Act and instead continue to stand in the way of any effort to provide American energy at reasonable market prices. If anyone is ‘gouging’ consumers through high gas prices, it is Speaker Pelosi and Democrats in the House.

“The Democrat bill is a sham and Speaker Pelosi should be ashamed. This bill was written to ensure Democrats' re-election by perpetuating a fraud on the American people, not to ensure affordable energy. There are no new refineries included in their bill, there is no clean coal, no energy exploration in arctic Alaska, no nuclear energy, and – if you read it – no exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf for energy in their bill.

“Democrats are wed to the ideology of the radical left – they look at our oil and gas reserves and see toxic waste sites. Republicans look at our oil and gas reserves and see vast and valuable natural resources that will ease pain at the pump and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. We need American energy made in America, for Americans. We don't need a sham political bill. The next time you drive up to the pump and drop a small fortune to fill your gas tank, thank Speaker Pelosi.”

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Congressman Jeb Hensarling is Chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC).

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