



FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable Carl Albert  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker: (identical letter sent to Senator Mansfield)

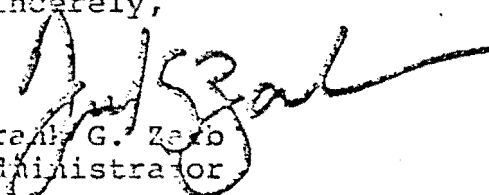
When the President announced a further delay in additional import fees and a modified crude oil price decontrol proposal, he took these actions in the spirit of compromise and with the hope that agreement soon would be reached on an effective and equitable national energy program. However, comprehensive energy legislation does not appear to be forthcoming from the Congress.

In order to reduce domestic energy consumption, increase supply and provide standby authorities, the President last January proposed the Energy Independence Act of 1975. Currently, of the Act's thirteen titles, none is close to enactment -- indeed, only a few have been reported out of Committee. I have enclosed a summary of the status of these bills.

The need for prompt action is even more important today than it was in January. We must act soon to provide clear directions to the American people and to stem our increasing dependence on foreign oil.

I have appreciated working with you as we have sought to make progress on these matters, but I urgently request more rapid action.

Sincerely,

  
Frank G. Zeig  
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Congressman James Wright

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT  
STATUS

Title I: Naval Petroleum Reserves

Senate: Armed Services and Interior Committees held joint hearings in March. Action by Armed Services Committee is not expected until summer.  
House: Interior reported HR-49 and Armed Services reported HR-5919. Floor action pending.

Title II: Strategic Reserves (Civilian)

Senate: Interior Committee marking up bill.  
House: Section approved in Commerce Subcommittee bill.

Title III: Natural Gas Deregulation

Senate: On May 6 Commerce Committee ordered S.692 reported with amendments.  
House: Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has postponed action until it has completed consideration of its omnibus energy bill.

Title IV: ESECA Amendments

Senate: Hearings scheduled by Interior Committee in June.  
House: Included in Commerce Subcommittee bill.

Title V and VI: Clean Air Act Amendments

Senate: Hearings held by Public Works Subcommittee, with mark-up possible in June.  
House: Hearings held. Commerce Subcommittee on Health and Environment holding mark-up sessions.

Title VII: Utilities

Senate: Hearings held by Government Operations Committee which is presently drafting legislation.  
House: Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee expected to hold hearings after completion of omnibus energy bill.

Title VIII: Energy Facility Siting

Senate: Interior Committee held hearings on related bills.  
House: Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee expected to hold hearings after completion of major energy legislation.

Title IX: Energy Development Security

Senate: Passed S.621 in early May prohibiting the use of certain authorities by the President for the purposes of establishing a floor price for imported petroleum.

House: Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee is including portions of this title in current energy legislation mark-ups.

Title X: Thermal Efficiency Standards

HR-4485 as amended is now in Conference. The Senate version incorporates the Administration's Title X.

Title XI: Winterization

Senate: Hearings held by Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee.

House: Housing Subcommittee reported out HR-3573. HR-5005 in Ways and Means contains certain provisions of Title XI.

Title XII: Appliance and Motor Vehicle Labelling

Senate: Commerce Committee held hearings. No action scheduled in next several months.

House: Included in Commerce Subcommittee bill.

Title XIII: Standby Authorities

Senate: Passed S.622, which included Interior Committee's version of Standby Authorities plus mandatory conservation standards.

House: Included in Commerce Subcommittee bill.