

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President invited House leaders involved in the current consideration of energy legislation to a meeting this morning to discuss the need for a comprehensive energy program and the status of pending legislation. The meeting was held in the Cabinet Room and lasted approximately 1 hour and 5 minutes.

The President expressed his firm determination that the nation must have a comprehensive energy program. It must reach his goals of:

1. Reducing foreign oil imports by 2 million barrels a day by the end of 1977
2. Energy self-sufficiency by 1985
3. Provide for fairness

In order to achieve these goals, the nation's energy program must provide both meaningful energy conservation and increased domestic supplies.

The President indicated his strong desire to work with the Congress to achieve these goals. And the Administration will make a maximum effort in that direction.

The American people should realize this is a national issue of great urgency.

Participants in the meeting:

The Vice President	Secretary of Commerce Morton
Speaker Carl Albert	Frank Zarb
Rep. Tip O'Neill	Don Rumsfeld
Rep. John Rhodes	Jack Marsh
Rep. John McFall	Alan Greenspan
Rep. Bob Michel	Max Friedersdorf
Rep. Al Ullman	
Rep. Herm Schneebeli	
Rep. John Dingell	
Rep. Clarence Brown	
Rep. Barber Conable	

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