

# *Democrat Obstructionists in Senate Block Energy Plan*

## **Complete Legislative History of the National Energy Policy (107<sup>th</sup> & 108th Congresses)**

**The House has passed comprehensive National Energy legislation four times since 2001. Obstructionists in the Senate have killed our efforts and failed the American people every time, as the legislative record clearly shows.**

### **107<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001:** President Bush's Energy Plan Delivered to Congress.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001:** House of Representatives passes H.R. 4, the *Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) Act*, including ANWR production, by a vote of 240-190. ([Roll no. 320](#))

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001:** *SAFE Act* received in the Senate.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001:** More than two months after energy bill is received, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) [instructs](#) Energy & Natural Resources Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman to suspend any further mark-up of energy legislation because of pro-ANWR majority on panel. Committee does not meet for business for roughly six months because, under Senate rules, energy legislation with ANWR could have been added to any bill before the committee.

Chairman Bingaman and Mr. Daschle hastily draft their own bill instead, circumventing committee consideration.

### **107<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002:** Now more than eight months after the bill was sent to the body, the *SAFE Act* is laid before the Senate in order to bring-up the Bingaman bill. Senate strikes all *SAFE Act* language and substitutes Bingaman bill. Bill passes.

House and Senate Appoint Conferees

**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002:** Mid-term election. Senator Daschle and the Democrat Party lose control of Senate, effective at start of 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002:** “Democratic Senate leadership representatives voted Wednesday against sending House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin (R-La.) a counter offer on energy, effectively killing the legislation for the year and putting the process back to square one for the next Congress.” (*Environment & Energy Daily*)

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002:** Having directed Senate Democrats to run out the clock on the energy conference, the bill dies at the end of the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. “Ultimately, influential members including Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle (D-S.D.) backed away from the entire package and all parties let the bill die.” (*Environment and Energy Daily*)

### **108<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** 108<sup>th</sup> Congress sworn-in.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** H.R. 6, the *Energy Policy Act of 2003*, introduced in the House, comprised of various committee-approved components.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** House of Representatives passes *Energy Policy Act of 2003*, with ANWR production, by a vote of 247-175. ([Roll no. 145](#)).

**July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003:** *Energy Policy Act* passes Senate.

**September, 2003:** Conference Committee meetings held.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** House of Representatives approves conference report by a vote of 246-180. ([Roll No. 630](#)).

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003:** Conference report considered in Senate.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003:** Obstructionists in Senate defeat cloture motion, killing energy bill for 2003. [Record Vote Number: 456](#)

### **108<sup>th</sup> Congress, Second Session**

House passed National Energy Policy, yet again, for the **FOURTH** time.

Senate does not.