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H. R. 5611

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize a partnership between the Secretary of Energy and appropriate industry groups for the creation of a transportation fuel conservation education campaign, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited at the “Fuel Consumption
3 Education Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds that—

6 (1) today’s gasoline prices are taking a severe
7 toll on the pocketbooks of all Americans;

8 (2) a large number of factors contribute to the
9 price of gasoline, including worldwide demand for
10 crude oil, taxes, international conflicts, regional sup-
11 ply chains, environmental regulations, and refining
12 capacity;

13 (3) individuals can take steps to address rising
14 demand by using a few simple gas saving tips; and

15 (4) increased driving efficiency will lower the
16 demand for gasoline and thereby lower prices in the
17 short term.

18 **SEC. 3. PARTNERSHIP.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, through
20 the existing programs at the Office of Energy Efficiency
21 and Renewable Energy, shall enter into a partnership with
22 interested industry groups, including groups from the
23 automotive, gasoline refining, and oil industries, to carry
24 out a public education campaign that provides information
25 to United States drivers about immediate measures that
26 may be taken to conserve transportation fuel. This public-

1 private partnership shall include a five member advisory
2 board, to be chaired by the Secretary or his designee,
3 which shall include representatives from the Department
4 of Energy, the oil industry, the automotive industry, and
5 the Congress, to be appointed by the Secretary. The Sec-
6 retary shall appoint the advisory board not later than 30
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (b) ACCESSIBILITY.—The public information cam-
9 paign under this section shall be targeted to reach the
10 widest audience possible. The education campaign shall in-
11 clude television, print, Internet website, or any other
12 method designed to maximize the dissemination of trans-
13 portation fuel savings information to drivers.

14 (c) FUNDING.—The Secretary is authorized to ex-
15 pend not more than \$10,000,000 to carry out this section
16 from funds previously authorized to the Office of Energy
17 Efficiency and Renewable Energy, but shall provide no
18 more than 50 percent of the cost of carrying out this sec-
19 tion.

20 **SEC. 4. PARTNERSHIP ON FUEL SUPPLY FOR EVACU-**
21 **ATIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, through
23 the existing programs at the Office of Energy Efficiency
24 and Renewable Energy, shall enter into a partnership with
25 interested industry groups and State and local govern-

1 ments, including groups from the gasoline refining and
2 marketing industries, to carry out an education campaign
3 that provides information to the State and local govern-
4 ments and the private sector about best practices to en-
5 sure adequate fuel supplies during emergency evacuations.
6 This public-private partnership shall include a five mem-
7 ber advisory board, to be chaired by the Secretary or his
8 designee, which shall include representatives from the De-
9 partment of Energy, the gasoline refining industry, the
10 gasoline marketing industry, a State government, and a
11 unit of local government. The Secretary shall appoint the
12 advisory board not later than 30 days after the date of
13 enactment of this Act.

14 (b) FUNDING.—The Secretary is authorized to ex-
15 pend not more than \$3,000,000 to carry out this section
16 from funds previously authorized to the Office of Energy
17 Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Passed the House of Representatives July 26, 2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.