

station a carrier, battle group on the Mississippi River to protect our supplies.

Some have also claimed that ethanol will ruin modern vehicle engine components. That is just baloney. Studies have shown the use of ethanol in motor fuels does not produce mechanical problems. In fact, currently all vehicle manufacturers approve the use of up to 10 percent ethanol blended fuels. Modern fuel system components are designed to ensure that they are compatible with a wide range of fuel formulations.

In fact, the oil company Mobil says that ethanol keeps fuel injection systems clean so they perform better.

Mr. Speaker, this brochure issued by Mobil discusses many of the benefits associated with ethanol blended fuels. Some of the key points conclude ethanol is safe to use in any type of engine. Ethanol will help vehicles run in the winter. Ethanol produces significant reductions in both carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon tailpipe emissions. Using ethanol blended fuel is one of the easiest ways you can help reduce air pollution and our dependence on foreign oil.

Mr. Speaker, this is a brochure put out by Mobil. It says, "why is ethanol good for your car?" Well, the oil industry has spoken and it is clear that it believes that ethanol is a good fuel additive.

I would like to note, since ethanol was introduced in the late 1970s, Americans have driven more than 2 trillion miles with ethanol renewable fuel.

Mr. Speaker, the MTBE clean water/clean air quandary requires a comprehensive and sensible approach. It is not just one issue. It is several issues. My bill addresses them all. It phases out MTBE in 3 years and replaces it with ethanol. H.R. 4011 helps States clean up existing MTBE water contamination. It protects air quality by raising the standards for emissions and aromatic content. It spurs the development of additional oxygenates to ensure continued water and air quality. It contributes to our energy security by promoting the expansion of domestically produced renewable energy. It is the solution that this Congress has been looking for for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD this Mobil brochure:

**WHY IS ETHANOL GOOD FOR YOUR CAR?**

Did you know . . .

Last year over 10% of all gasoline in the United States contained ethanol.

Fuel with 10% ethanol has been certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce carbon monoxide emissions by up to 30%.

Since 1981, over 152 billion gallons of ethanol blends have been used in the United States. With an average mileage of 20 mpg, that is over 3 trillion miles of proven experience with ethanol blends.

Mobil goes to great lengths to ensure that we deliver to you the best quality gasoline

available—with or without ethanol. All of our gasoline meets or exceeds the specifications of the federal government and the American Society for Testing and Materials. In many cases we will use ethanol to oxygenate our gasoline in order to help meet clean air goals and reduce emissions. Like our customers, we believe in doing our part to protect our planet's natural resources and our environment.

Ethanol . . . Engine friendly, Clean burning, American made . . . Power.

**Q. How will ethanol affect my engine?**

A. Ethanol is safe to use in any type of engine. Ethanol is covered under warranty by every automaker that sells cars in the United States. It's safe to use in your car, truck, motorcycle or any other engine. In fact, many automakers actually recommend reformulated gasolines like those that contain ethanol.

Tests have concluded that ethanol does not increase corrosion, nor will it harm any seals or valves.

**Q. Will ethanol plug my fuel filter?**

A. Generally no. You can feel safe using ethanol. Ethanol is a very clean burning fuel that has some detergent properties.

These detergents work to reduce build-up and keep your engine running smooth. In fact, using ethanol may even improve the performance of your vehicle.

**Q. How will ethanol affect my fuel injection system?**

A. Ethanol helps keep fuel injection systems clean so they perform better. Problems with fuel injection plugging are the result of dirty fuel—not ethanol. Some gasolines today do not, by themselves, contain enough detergent additive. Therefore, ethanol is also valuable as a cleaning agent that helps prevent problems.

**Q. Will using ethanol help me during the winter?**

A. Yes. The ethanol recommended for use in motor fuels is an anhydrous, or water-free additive. It absorbs moisture and helps prevent gas-line freeze-up in cold weather. It works much like gasoline antifreeze that some motorists add to their gas tanks in the winter.

Using ethanol-blended fuel in the winter means you won't need to add expensive and possibly harmful additives to your fuel. Ethanol in your gasoline will protect your vehicle from gas-line freeze-up.

**Q. Does ethanol help reduce air pollution?**

A. Yes. There is a significant reduction in both carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon tailpipe emissions when ethanol is used. Many cities and states across the nation take advantage of the environmental benefits that ethanol provides. These cities include Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Ethanol is used in virtually every state in the nation, from Alaska to Florida and from California to New York. For the United States, ethanol-blended fuels offer the promise of cleaner air. Ethanol is an abundant new source of energy for the future that also helps conserve natural petroleum resources.

**Q. What is ethanol?**

A. Ethanol is a clean burning, renewable, domestically produced product made from fermented agricultural products such as corn.

Ethanol contains oxygen, which helps gasoline burn cleaner and more efficiently. When used in vehicles, ethanol reduces all types of emissions including carbon dioxide—a major contributor to global warming.

Although burning ethanol releases carbon dioxide during its production and combustion, the crops that ethanol is produced from

absorb that carbon dioxide. So, during ethanol production, greenhouse gases do not build up in the environment—they are naturally recycled.

**Q. What does research say about ethanol-blended fuels?**

A. The American Institute of Chemical Engineers compared ethanol fuel to straight gasoline. In a published report, the institute said ethanol was "very similar in driving characteristics to straight gasoline, except that pre-ignition and dieseling (run-on) are noticeably reduced and acceleration can be improved" with ethanol.

The report continued, "Ethanol should be looked at as an octane enhancer. Mixing it with gasoline in a 9 to 1 ratio improves the octane rating about three octane numbers." There have been many other tests of ethanol during the past 20 years. Those tests found ethanol completely safe to use in all types of engines.

**THE CLEAN AIR CHOICE**

Using ethanol-blended fuel is one of the easiest ways you can help reduce air pollution and our dependence on imported oil. While many solutions for improving our nation's air quality are being debated, ethanol is here today. Using ethanol-blended fuels in your car, outboard motor, lawnmower, chainsaw, snowmobile and other small engines can make a difference now.

Mr. Speaker, Congress should pass this bill. We would be making good sound policy decisions. We would be benefiting America's environment. We would be helping America's farmers, and we would be addressing our Nation's energy needs.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting a comprehensive solution that does not force us to choose between clean air and clean water. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 4011. I will be happy to share any additional information with them.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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**AFTER RECESS**

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 3 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.

**REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 290, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 2001**

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-535) on the resolution (H. Res. 446) providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 290) establishing the congressional