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BLAME WHITE HOUSE FOR HIGHER GAS PRICES

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, we understand that today there is tremendous growing concern about the rapidly increasing price of gasoline in this country. The American people need to know that the President, in 1995, vetoed legislation which would have allowed drilling and oil exploration in one tiny portion of the coastal plain of Alaska. Less than 3,000 acres out of the 19.8 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge contains what the geologic survey tells us is up to 16 billion barrels of oil. This is 30 years of Saudi oil.

The President also signed an Executive Order putting 80 percent of the outer continental shelf off limits for oil drilling. This is many billions more barrels of oil in those areas. So if the American people like higher oil prices, they should write the White House and thank them, because that is where the blame and the responsibility lies.

Gas prices could be much, much lower if the President had not vetoed that 1995 legislation and if he would allow more oil drilling and exploration in the outer continental shelf.

SPENDING CUTS TO EDUCATION IN LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, as we move from budget and taxes to appropriations, we learn the true priorities of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

We have seen a trillion dollar tax cut, and we have seen this trillion dol-