In their Political Diary , *The Wall Street Journal* noted Congressman Pence's role in spearheading the House Republicans' floor protest over the August recess:

Another coup for Republicans was the pro-drilling campaign launched by conservative House GOPers while Democrats went home for summer vacation. Each day, House Republicans held a vigil for a pro-exploration energy policy even though Democrats turned out the House lights and shut off the microphones. Mike Pence of Indiana was one of the ringleaders who gave the Pelosi Democrats heartburn. In his district, he says, voters paid attention. Nancy Pelosi's decision to take what he called a "five-week paid vacation" backfired because it "angered voters when gas prices are so high."