

Congressman Pence and other House Republicans are not willing to allow the debate over the proper way to address the nation's energy crisis die down, as [NPR reported](#) this afternoon.

Speaking on the floor, Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) appealed directly to the chamber's top Democrat, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

"Speaker Pelosi, respectfully, you could turn off the lights on the House floor, you could shut off the microphones, but you cannot silence the majority of the American people that want a comprehensive bill and want to drill here, drill more, drill now," Pence said.