Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi gave her party's weekly radio address and it was there that she presented her vision for future energy legislation:

Lawmakers will be able to "consider opening portions of the Outer Continental Shelf for drilling, with appropriate safeguards, and without taxpayer subsidies to Big Oil," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

Just weeks ago Pelosi seemed resolved to block any votes to allow offshore drilling, in part because Californians have opposed drilling off their coasts since an oil spill off Santa Barbara in 1969. New oil drilling is only allowed now in federal waters in the western Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska.

Pelosi's radio remarks were the latest to hint that the energy debate in Congress is still evolving, and that Democrats are budging on the issue.

Congressman Pence responds **HERE** .

And today, House Republicans' floor protest continued , on Day 12 of the historic push for Speaker Pelosi to call the Congress back into session to debate and vote on critical energy legislation.