

**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence delivered the following remarks from the floor of the U.S. House on the national energy tax to be voted on later this week:

**"The Old Book contains an admonition to lawmakers with these words: 'Woe to you because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry and you yourselves will not lift a finger to help them.' In the midst of the worst economy in a generation, remarkably House Democrats are poised this week to load the American people down with a national energy tax. And the American people deserve to know it.**

**"Now, there's lots of debate about what this bill will cost the average American but there is no dispute the Democrat cap and trade bill will raise the cost of energy to every household in America, every small business, every family farm, and it will cost millions of American jobs. And the vote is tomorrow.**

**"If you oppose the national energy tax, I say call your congressman. If you think the Democrat cap and trade bill will cap growth and trade jobs, call your congressman. If you believe the American people deserve an all-of-the-above energy strategy that will create jobs, achieve energy independence and a cleaner environment then endorse the Republican alternative, call your congressman.**

**"A minority in Congress plus the American people equals a majority. We can reject cap and trade this week and so we must."**

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