The *Associated Press* **published an article** on Saturday regarding Congressman Pence's assessment of the legislative proposal known as "cap and trade:

"The legislation would essentially cap carbon dioxide emissions from coal-burning power plants, "the kind of plants Indiana and most of the Midwest are most dependent on for our electricity needs," Pence said.

"If ever there was a time that Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois were unable to take the impact of what amounts to a national energy tax, it's a time like this," Pence said. "The last thing we need is higher energy costs."

Politico **also reports** on some of the difficulties the bill is experiencing on Capitol Hill.

On the same day Obama was stumping in Iowa last week, House GOP Conference Chairman Mike Pence of Indiana called on Democratic leadership to provide details on how much utility costs will rise in coal-dependent Midwestern states.

"The reality is, the cap-and-trade legislation offered by the Democrats amounts to an economic declaration of war on the Midwest by liberals on Capitol Hill," said Pence.