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Another Week, Another Missed Opportunity on Energy House Democrats Ignore Pressing Demand for Action on Gas Prices

Washington, D.C. – After Four full legislative days to act on gas prices and energy, the Democrats in control of the House continue to block and stonewall efforts to expand domestic energy production and break our dependence on foreign oil.

“As Americans struggle with rising gas prices Democrats in Congress continue to ignore the need to take action on our failed energy policies,” Shuster said. “We had four full days to vote on legislation to expand domestic energy production and take a stand against our energy dependence and nothing happened.”

Instead of acting to pass legislation to fix our broken energy policies that deny our natural resources and squander American ingenuity, House Democrats scheduled a number of busy work votes to “honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy,” and name a handful of Post Offices. Today, as the House begins its last in-session day of the week, only one rule bill is scheduled for consideration: H.R.1286 the “Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act.”**

“When I toured the district last week to talk about energy, my constituents made it clear that they want action on gas prices. I am sure those demands were echoed across the country in Republican and Democrat districts. The time to act is now,” Shuster said. “I support historic preservation as much as anyone, but now is not the time to be wasting legislative hours on these bills. It’s time to act on energy.”

Congressman Shuster’s legislation H.R. 6421, the “Energy Independence Act” could be moved from committee to a floor vote in a matter of days. However, if the Democrat’s anemic track record on energy continues, it will be an uphill battle to get anything done to give our families relief at the pump and a secure energy future.

Information on the energy debate in Congress will be regularly updated on Congressman Shuster’s energy page on his website located at www.house.gov/shuster/content/energy.

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H.Con.Res. 375 “To honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy”

H.R. 1286 “Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act”

H.R. 6061 – “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the ‘Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building’”

H.R. 5975 – ‘To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the ‘Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office’”

H.R. 6061 – “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the ‘Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building’”

H.R. 6092 – “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the ‘Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building’”

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