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Doolittle: Gore's "Big Speech" Nothing More than Political Rant *Touts Junk Science and Destructive Economic Policies*

Washington, D.C. – House Republican Conference Secretary John T. Doolittle (R-Calif.) said former Vice President Al Gore's speech today in New York City was nothing more than a bitter, political rant from a liberal politician who continues to use junk science to attack the Bush Administration and sabotage the economic security of Americans.

"Al Gore's bitter rant was just another example of how the Democrats' only plan to improve our country is to attack our president," Doolittle said. "Fortunately, President Bush understands what it takes to protect our environment and keep our economy growing. On the other hand, Al Gore and liberals of his ilk continue to insist on irresponsible policies that would raise electricity and gas prices, impose unnecessary regulations on small businesses, and send our economy into a nosedive.

"Thankfully, our president is strong enough to lead with sound scientific evidence and a concern for the economic vitality of our country rather than kowtowing to the pressure of the extreme environmentalists and their junk science."

This afternoon, former Vice President Al Gore spoke on global warming and the environment and bashed the Bush administration for not participating in the Kyoto Protocol, which has consistently been criticized for its lack of scientific evidence. Despite Gore's claims, the U.S. currently spends more money than all other nations on earth combined on climate change research and new technology development.

Al Gore's attack on the Administration was sponsored by MoveOn.org, the same organization who recently posted internet ads comparing President Bush to Hitler, and by Environment2004, whose stated mission is to "work towards the defeat of Bush and his allies."

U.S. Rep. John T. Doolittle has served in the House of Representatives since 1991. As Secretary of the House Republican Conference, he is an elected member of the House Republican Leadership. Doolittle represents California's 4th Congressional District and serves on the Appropriations Committee, Energy and Water and DC Appropriations Subcommittees, and the House Administration Committee.

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