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Senate Energy Bill Contains Costly Climate Mistake

Committee Draft Takes Wrong Turn on Global Warming Policy

Washington, D.C., March 31, 2003-Americans could be faced with higher energy prices and energy rationing if new Senate energy legislation becomes law.ÿ Troubling provisions include: creating a White House climate czar and expanded bureaucracy to promote global warming alarmism; requiring a counter-productive greenhouse gas emissions strategy and pointless annual reports; and growing a big business lobby for rationing by awarding early action credits.

□&Although the energy committee staff□,s draft bill is a big improvement in most respects over Senator Daschle□,s anti-energy monstrosity of last year, the climate section looks like a Lieberman or Kerry campaign document.ÿ The Administration opposes the key provisions and so should every right-thinking Senator,□8 said Myron Ebell, Director of Global Warming Policy at CEI.



