

News release — from the office of

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Congressman Harley Staggers of West Virginia emerged from a two-hour meeting with the President and key congressional leaders at the White House today and announced a series of legislative actions to help the nation combat the fuel shortage.

Staggers, who is chairman of the House commerce committee which deals with most energy related questions, disclosed that his committee will begin hearings next week on a number of energy proposals that President will make to the American people in his televised speech tonight.

Staggers said that he is introducing a bill to switch the nation to Daylight Savings Time on a temporary basis and that his committee will begin hearings on several of the President's emergency proposals, some of which Staggers had earlier suggested. Staggers added that Congress will give final approval tomorrow to the Emergency Fuel Allocation Act, which he sponsored.

The West Virginia Congressman said he is pleased that the President will ^{also} announce long-range plans for greater reliance on coal to meet energy needs and a plan to make America less dependent on ~~foreign~~ other nations for fuel supplies.

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12:30 updated version to be sent out for tomorrow's dailies.