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Dear Colleague:

Some of us who have traditionally opposed deregulation, whether of oil, gasoline or natural gas prices, are probably now concerned with the six-month deregulation proposed in President Carter's emergency natural gas legislation.


We also may recall that just one year ago, on February 3, 1976 the House voted 205 to 201 against permanent natural gas deregulation, adopting the Smith Amendment which actually enlarged regulation of the major companies.

With a House vote expected tomorrow afternoon on the President's legislation, many members including myself may feel the need for more information on the current gas crisis and its proposed solutions.

Fortunately, a few experts have agreed to brief members and staff tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. in room 2237 Rayburn. Present will be Dr. David Schwartz, former Assistant Chief Economist with the Federal Power Commission and now on the staff of the Senate Antitrust & Monopoly Subcommittee; and James Flug, Director of the Energy Action Committee.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Sincerely,

  
John Conyers  
Member of Congress

1/31/77 Congressman Conyers' office telephoned. Natural Gas briefing at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow in Room 2237.