

## Renewable Energy

Ending our dependence on foreign oil and promoting Iowa renewable energy is a top priority of mine. Iowa is already a national leader in biofuels, but our state has the potential to become a world leader in the research, development, and production of renewable energy. I'm working hard in Congress to shift the United States' energy focus from the Middle East to the Midwest so we can invest more in renewable energy like ethanol and biodiesel and create the good-paying jobs of the future. The first bill I introduced in Congress was the New Era Act of 2007—a law that would create a grant program for Iowa's community colleges to offer renewable energy workforce training programs.

### Action on Renewable Energy

#### Sponsorship:

- H.R. 872, National Endowment for Workforce Education in Renewables and Agriculture Act of 2007, Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make competitive grants to community colleges and advanced technology education centers partnering with community colleges to support the education and training of technicians in the fields of bioenergy and other agriculture-based, renewable energy resources, and for other purposes.

#### Co-sponsorship:

- H.Con Res. 25, Expresses the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber

- H.R. 6, CLEAN Energy Act of 2007

- H.R. 823, Authorizes Federal agencies and legislative branch offices to purchase greenhouse gas offsets and renewable energy credits, and for other purposes

- H.R. 1551, Healthy Farms, Foods, and Fuels Act of 2007, H.R. 969, To amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable energy portfolio standard for certain retail electric utilities, and for other purposes

- H.R. 1133, Freedom through Renewable Energy Expansion (FREE) Act

- H.R. 1590, Safe Climate Act of 2007

- H.R. 1821, Clean Renewable Energy for Public Power Act of 2007

- H.R. 2361, Responsible Renewable Energy Tax Credit Act of 2007

- H.R. 3107, Renewable Energy Tax Parity Act of 2007

- H.R. 2781, Biodiesel Promotion and Quality Assurance Act of 2007

- H.R. 3807, Renewable Energy Assistance Act of 2007

#### Committee Hearings:

- May 11, 2007--"Climate Change and Energy Independence: Transportation and Infrastructure Issues."

- May 3, 2007--"The Impact of Renewable Energy Production in Rural America." The hearing examined federal policies to promote renewable fuels and the importance of these efforts for small businesses.