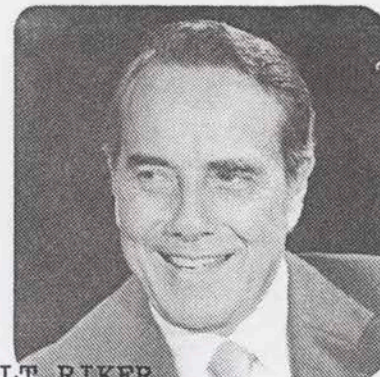


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ENERGY - TIME FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

TENSIONS IN THE GULF AND THE SPECTER OF WAR HAVE ONCE AGAIN FORCED US TO FACE A DISTURBING REALITY AT HOME -- WE ARE STILL DANGEROUSLY OVER-DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN OIL FOR OUR ENERGY NEEDS, EVEN THOUGH FOREIGN DESPOTS AND FANATICS CONTINUE TO PLAY THE OIL CARD IN THEIR HIGH-STAKES GAME OF ENERGY BLACKMAIL.

IT IS LONG PAST TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO DISCOVER, DEVELOP AND MARKET NEW ENERGY RESOURCES SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WINCE EVERY TIME THE BLACKMAILERS TIGHTEN THE SCREWS.

I AM PLEASED THE PRESIDENT IS BUSY PREPARING AN ENERGY STRATEGY AND I URGE HIM TO SEND IT TO CAPITOL HILL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

THIS COUNTRY INVENTED MODERN OIL TECHNOLOGY, AND OUR INDUSTRY STILL LEADS THE WORLD IN DISCOVERING AND REFINING TECHNOLOGIES -- IT IS TIME TO USE THESE AMERICAN ADVANCES TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

UNTIL ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY BECOME AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE RATES, WE MUST BOOST DOMESTIC EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, BUT UNDER STRICT ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRAINTS.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT ENERGY LEGISLATION MUST BE A PRIORITY FOR THE 102ND CONGRESS -- THE AMERICAN EXPECT NO LESS. IT IS TIME WE DELIVER.

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