

Another Inspiring Heartland Climate Conference

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A shortened but extremely relevant and timely one day conference was put on by the Heartland in DC to attempt to get the message to decision makers in time for the votes on important energy and climate legislation.

As Joe Bast indicated the purpose of the conference was to ask the tough questions about what we really know about the science and economics of global warming. For example

Does new research indicate that the likely human effect on climate is less than previously thought?

Given there has been no warming for a decade and cooling now in its 8th year, does this undermine our confidence in computer global models?

What would it cost – in terms of higher prices for goods and slower economic growth to reduce emissions?

Would reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States have any effect on global temperatures?

There were 46 co-sponsors including Icecap. There were 18 speakers in the climate and economics of the legislation now being considered in congress. All talks will be posted on the Heartland.org website ASAP and linked to on Icecap.

The speakers on the climate showed the models are failing and why (my favorite take-away was Willie Soon's comment garbage in and gospel out) and the economists painted a very frightening picture of the cap-and tax Waman Markey bill. It is officially called a cap-and-trade to disguise the fact that it is a tax and as Michigan Democrat Dingell noted a "huge tax". We heard numbers ranging as high as \$4,600 per year per family including energy and cost of goods and service that will be forced to rise because of the changes made. Even James Hansen and Ralph Nader oppose cap-and tax as give-aways to special interests without doing any measurable good. At the conference, we heard that the changes even if adopted globally (highly unlikely) would not appreciably reduce carbon emissions nor affect global temperatures in any measurable way.

It would mark the biggest BAILOUT by far. The auto bailout cost 7 billion, the Geitner bailout (so-called stimulus) 787 billion. The Waxman Markey bill will run between \$6 and \$9.4 trillion and at most produce a cooling of just 0.01°C.

Though prospects for passage in the house are generally considered good, there are questions about the senate. Please contact your representative and attend town hall meetings and let them and the other constituents what this bill is really all about and why

it is based on faulty science and should be rejected. And remember to call it Cap-and-Tax.

By the way, the classless desmogblog.com folks were there taking pictures of attendees and writing their typical ad hominem lies on their web site, claiming the speakers and organizations are bought and paid for by big energy, the big lie they and the Greenpeace site Exxon Secrets have used for years. They tried to hand out brochures for their science-devoid web site which is just a site devoted to attacking skeptics. It is funded by a convicted Canadian felon and Canadian alternative energy companies and the David Suzuki Foundation (an environmentalists who called for the jailing of all Canadian politicians who did not support his strong solution similar to cap and tax). This makes their claims about our side even more ludicrous. The alarmists have a \$50 Billion advantage over the climate realists with blank checks from huge corporations, environmental groups, activists like George Soros and Maurice Strong and sadly even the government. Most of the groups attending including the C3 charitable organizations such as Icecap struggle with fund raising in this environment.