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### Refuting Dr. Chu: What about jobs?

On Oct. 10, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu addressed a University of Rochester homecoming audience on global warming and energy conservation.

Dr. Chu is the gentleman who, according to the Wall Street Journal, likened the American public to “teenage kids” because citizens aren’t behaving the way they should in terms of dealing with climate change.

In his Rochester address, Chu said anyone is entitled to his or her own opinion on climate change, but not to his or her own facts.

Is Chu himself playing loose with the facts?

In an April address at the Summit of the Americas in Port-Of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Chu said “another 1 degree increase [in the global average temperature] was certain to occur and there’s a reasonable probability we can go above 4 degrees Centigrade to 5 and 6 more.”

He then warned of inundation of coastal areas due to sea level rises, according to Fox News.

Really?

Given that the Earth’s average temperature actually has fallen slightly since 1998, defying all global climate models, makes one wonder who is trying to “own” the facts?

How can anyone be certain if and when significant warming will resume? Yet we do know that, despite apocalyptic predictions of rising seas from Al Gore and others, sea level rises have been slight and far below computer model projections.

Nevermind that solar scientists are suggesting recent spot-free sun may be pushing us toward longer term cooling as experienced during the Dalton Minimum in the late 1700s. (Visit <http://users.telenet.be/j.janssens/SC24Clilverd.pdf> for more on that.)

Regardless, in Rochester Chu suggested we all need to drive smaller cars and paint our roofs white in order to stop global warming. The theory is that white roofs would reflect sunlight

and small cars would reduce the burning of fossil fuels.

That made me wonder. In the 1970s, when a new ice age was predicted by current global warming alarmist and Stanford professor Steve Schneider — and many others — would Chu have recommended we all drive massive trucks and paint our roofs black to stave off the coming chill?

I also wonder if Chu accidentally gave a talk geared to a city in the South. After all, Rochester is not exactly known for incurring withering heat waves, and consumes far more energy in heating our homes than cooling them.

When it came to the idea of driving small cars, Chu did not offer a suggestion for what a large family would be expected to drive. He is, not surprisingly, in favor of the cap-and-trade legislation now before Congress, arguing it will create new jobs.

How many jobs would we lose along the way?

In Spain, according to a study by the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, the implementation of green technologies has created only one new green job for every 2.2 non-green jobs eliminated.

Chu admitted that dealing with global warming would take some getting used to, and cost money, but that Americans could rise to the occasion.

I think he, like many others in Washington, have totally misread the American people.

Poll after poll has shown global warming is not a priority with Americans. Improving the economy is.

As I plan to address in my next column, with prospects growing for a colder-than-normal winter in major population centers in the United States and Eurasia, how ironic — and arrogant — it would be for our political leaders to pass legislation to protect us from imagined global warming while allowing still more jobs to be lost.

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