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PICKENS PRAISES HOUSE BLUE DOGS' ENDORSEMENT OF NAT GAS ACT

Dallas, TX – May 3, 2011 – T. Boone Pickens today released the following statement in reaction to the endorsement of the NAT GAS Act (H.R. 1380) by the influential House Blue Dog Coalition.

“The formal endorsement of the NAT GAS Act (H.R. 1380) by the influential House Blue Dog Coalition is a major milestone in getting this important legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. The Blue Dog endorsement is a rare and important signal of support from an influential group of lawmakers. By signaling the coalition’s full support for the NAT GAS Act, these forward thinking Democrats have put the best interests of America front and center in our fight to reduce our dependence on OPEC oil. I want to praise their leadership and I urge the full House of Representatives to take up the NAT GAS Act as soon as possible.”

Said Congressman Dan Boren (D-OK): “T. Boone Pickens is not only a former constituent of mine, he is a leader, a visionary and most importantly he cares deeply about the direction of our country. This legislation is a crucial step toward reducing our long held addiction to OPEC Oil and giving American families and businesses options at the local gas pump. As a member of the Blue Dog leadership, I was proud to help secure the Blue Dog Coalition’s support for this bill and it is my hope that the full House of Representatives will vote and pass it before the conclusion of summer driving season.”

The NAT GAS Act is a central element of the Pickens Plan. The legislation encourages more heavy duty trucks and fleet vehicles to run on domestic natural gas. American natural gas is clean, it is abundant and most importantly, it is ours. The legislation was introduced in April by Congressman John Sullivan (R-OK), Congressman Dan Boren (D-OK), Congressman John Larson (D-CT) and Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX).

About the Pickens Plan:

Unveiled on July 8, 2008 by T. Boone Pickens, the Pickens Plan is a detailed solution for ending the United States’ growing dependence on foreign oil. That year, when oil prices reached \$140/barrel, America was spending about \$700 billion for foreign oil, equaling the greatest transfer of wealth in history. That figure has decreased some while oil prices have retreated, but the U.S. is still dependent on foreign nations for nearly 70 percent of its oil, representing a continuing national security and national economic threat. The plan calls for expanding the use of domestic renewable resources, such as wind and solar, in power generation and using our abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel alternative to OPEC oil. In President Obama’s acceptance speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention, he stated, “In ten years we will finally end our dependence on oil from the Middle East.”

More than 1.6 million people have joined the Pickens Army through the website www.pickensplan.com, which has had over 20 million hits. For more information on the Pickens Plan please visit our website www.pickensplan.com. Boone can be followed on Twitter [@boonepickens](https://twitter.com/boonepickens).

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