

WASHINGTON – Returning to Washington to address high gas prices, Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today told a large audience on the House floor that America has the power and resources to solve its energy challenges.

In an effort to persuade the congressional leadership to bring a comprehensive energy bill to a vote, Bachus delivered a recess speech witnessed by several hundred visitors and tourists in the historic chamber. He also spoke at a news conference held in Statuary Hall off the floor

“My constituents have told me that the time for action is now, and I wanted to bring their message straight to Washington. In my town hall meetings, there has been no bigger issue than high gas prices.

The average family is paying \$2000 more in energy costs this year and people are really hurting. The good

news is that we can solve our energy problems with a balanced approach using American energy, conservation, and technology.

While increased exploration and drilling is one part of the answer, the long-term solution is energy diversity through abundant resources like nuclear, coal, wind and solar power.

It doesn't make sense to send our hard-earned money to foreign countries when we can produce the energy we need right here at home.

We need to do it all and do it now," Congressman Bachus stated.

Regarding nuclear power, Congressman Bachus said the construction of a new plant in Alabama would generate 6,000 construction

jobs, nearly 900 permanent jobs, \$300 million in tax revenue for Alabama, and lower energy bills for consumers.

Bachus said he was hopeful that the pressure being generated by the recess floor speeches and concerned constituents would lead to energy legislation being brought up for a vote when the full House returns in September.