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# Energy Issues & the End of the 111th Congress

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## 2009/Early 2010 Activities

- Waxman/Markey climate change June
- Copenhagen December
- Kerry/Lieberman/Graham December
  - Graham out in January

### Post April 20, 2010

- Gulf of Mexico spill focuses legislative efforts on E&P, spill response, MMS
- House CLEAR Act July
- Senate effort delayed with August recess to be considered in September (?), lame duck (?)



#### Mid-Term Elections

- Majority
- Leadership
- Legislative focus

# Outstanding Issues

- Spill legislation
- Climate change
- Fracking
- RPS
- Biodiesel/ethanol credits





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