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**CRAIG DEMANDS DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION BE ADDED TO  
DEMOCRATS' ENERGY BILL**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Idaho Senator Larry Craig spoke on the Senate floor today saying he will not support any energy bill that does not include domestic oil production.

The Senate is preparing to debate the Democratic leadership's energy bill S.3268, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and purportedly aimed at curbing price speculation with respect to energy commodities. S.3268 does not include domestic oil production.

“In the legislation the Democratic Leader has put up, there's not one drop of new oil in it, not one gallon of new gas in it, not one oil rig's worth of new production in it,” Craig said.

He continued, “I'm telling the Majority Leader – you can bring a speculation bill to the floor, but this is a Senator that will not support it and will not vote for it if it doesn't have production in it. We cannot talk our way out of this one. We cannot manipulate our way out of this problem. We have to produce our way out of this problem, and we have to conserve our way out of this problem.

“That's how we change the world of American politics today that for the last 20 years has denied the right of the American marketplace to produce the energy necessary to stay independent, free, and reasonable of price.”