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BIG OIL'S ROSTER OF SHAME

A group of House Republicans has been busy doing Big Oil's bidding since Congress adjourned for the August district work session. Instead of going home to meet with their constituents, the group has been holding court on the House floor - proclaiming Big Oil's lies to a rotating group of captive tourists, who thought they'd come for a tour of the Capitol.

The group continues to trumpet the call for more drilling even though the facts clearly state that more drilling won't mean a drop at the pump. Why are they wasting their time when their constituents are begging for real solutions to our current energy crisis? Because Big Oil is lining their pockets.

This group of rogue lawmakers has received more than \$10 million from Big Oil over the course of their careers - \$1.5 million in the 2008 cycle alone.

And what does Big Oil get in return? A total of \$32.9 billion in tax breaks, subsidies and other handouts over the next five years, according to a new report released by Friends of the Earth. That's quite a bargain for Big Oil.

To see a full rundown of the individual donations visit www.shameonbigoil.org/2008/08/the-roster-of-shame. In the meantime, below are a few highlights.

- Rep. Joe Barton is Big Oil's go-to guy in Congress - voting with their interests 100 percent of the time. He received \$1.25 million in contributions over the course of his career and, \$127,541 in the 110th Congress alone.
- Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO) received \$98,900 from Big Oil in the 110th Congress and supported Big Oil in 91 percent of his votes.

Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) received \$26,090 in the 110th Congress and \$182,912 over the course of her career.

GOP'S OILY SHOWOFFS

"On Friday, Congress took a recess - one of many its leaders, whichever party's in charge, think our senators and representatives richly deserve.

But instead of the usual bipartisan stampede to the airport, and home to campaign or to exotic locales on the tab of influence-seekers, House Republicans decided to hot-dog it: They stayed for five hours on a dimly lit floor, microphones and C-Span cameras off, to berate bare-majority Democrats for failing to do anything about high gasoline prices.

That's rich: A Republican vice president, early in the Bush regime, huddles in secret with the oil guys who own him, to develop their scenario that's been played out during the past seven years. Dick Cheney presided over a Senate, most of the time Republican, that carried out the energy lobby's wishes for unimaginable wealth - at you-know-whose cost.

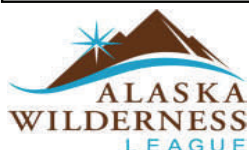
Had Democrats pushed any consumerist reform through Congress this summer, President Bush would've vetoed it - and his elephantine lackeys would have voted to uphold it."

- *Santa Fe New Mexican Editorial*, 8/5/08

THE MOST PERFECT PLACE ON THE PLANET...

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge "is the most perfect place on the planet to drill,"

Rep. Michele Bachmann told CNN in a recent interview. "It is permanently frozen in darkness three months of the year, under ice and snow for nine months of the year."



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