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MANZULLO JEAPORDIZES FUTURE WITH ELECTION YEAR GIMMICK

Abboud Says Plan to Divert Oil Deposited in Reserve Threatens American Economic and National Security

ROCKFORD – Bob Abboud, 16th District Congressional candidate and nuclear engineer, said Wednesday that, with his vote to divert oil from the Strategic Petroleum reserve, Rep. Don Manzullo (R-Ill.) has chosen to put America’s entire economy and national security at risk with an election year ploy.

Instability in the Middle East and an ongoing war that Manzullo continues to support requires America to continue stockpiling vital fuel resources for a secure future. Abboud said the latest plan approved by Don Manzullo and Congress does nothing to reduce gas prices and jeopardizes Americas economic solvency.

“Don Manzullo has voted to threaten our national and economic security for an election year ploy,” Abboud said. “We don’t know what will happen in the Middle East. This is offensive and potentially dangerous to every American. In 16 years, Don Manzullo has done nothing to solve our energy problems and has kept us at war. Now he’s willing to put this country’s future on the line because he has a tough election coming up. It’s mind-boggling. While hard working families are struggling to keep up with rising fuel prices and America grows more dependent on foreign oil, Do-Nothing Don keeps playing games, putting our economy and national security at risk.”

Congress on Tuesday moved to divert oil slated for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until the price of a barrel of oil fell below 75 dollars. Abboud, a nuclear engineer, said the amount of oil being diverted would do nothing to lower the cost of gasoline and could only undermine America’s economic and national security.

“Diverting oil from the SPR is a foolish mistake,” Abboud said. “That fuel is set aside to protect us from another disastrous sudden cutoff of oil supplies, to keep our economy running and to guarantee our military has the fuel it needs to continue combating terrorism.”

Abboud said that the instability in the Middle East and past experiences, like the Arab oil embargo of the 1970’s, should be reason enough to continue growing American oil reserves to avoid any potential disasters.

“As Congressman and Senators they should know better,” Abboud said. “Their first priority should be to protect the welfare and future of this nation, but today Don Manzullo and Congress’ only priority was to score cheap political points by passing a useless and dangerous policy.”

Abboud’s energy plan would utilize revenue generated by the federal gas tax to provide significant tax breaks for the development of affordable and widely available hybrid technology by American car makers. In addition Abboud will create the American Power Authority, a public-private partnership designed to build 100 new nuclear power plants that will provide clean and renewable electric power to support these new hybrid vehicles.

For more information on Bob Abboud and his plan to protect the environment, reduce the cost of gasoline and put America on a path toward real energy independence please visit www.robertabboud.com.