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Global Warming Task Force Legislation Released

Late last week Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature released a draft of their bill, developed in secret, based on the Governor's Global Warming Task Force. The Task Force members will meet tomorrow to endorse the proposal. While not yet officially introduced, we now have some specifics. The draft contains many of the worst recommendations of the Task Force report.

The proposal includes many of the job killing recommendations covered in recent Hot Air Reports, as well as other damaging proposals. Here is a brief, yet incomplete list of what will be included:

- Enhanced Renewable Portfolio Standard
 - *Wisconsin will be required to produce 25% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025. This will cause your utility bills to skyrocket because electricity produced from renewable sources is considerably more expensive to produce. Electricity touches every facet of our lives, from food production, to transportation to entertainment. You will pay more!*
- California vehicle emission standards
 - *New vehicles will be more expensive because they will be required to meet California standards. Heavy weight trucks and SUV's will be hard to find. And any time California changes its standards, Wisconsin will have to follow.*
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard
 - *Gasoline will be more expensive because it will have to become "decarbonized." Ethanol and other bio-fuels will be blended into your gas, making it more expensive and less efficient.*
- Model Parking Ordinances
 - *Preferred vehicles will get better parking spots.*
- Reduction goals for electricity, LP gas, heating oil, and natural gas
 - *Expect to get through Wisconsin's cold winters with less electricity and fuel.*
- Requires the DNR to propose new climate change programs
 - *The DNR will have the potential to run wild with new programs and new regulations, all of them costing you more. This is such a broad provision, it is impossible to know all of the future ramifications.*
- New Consumer Electronics Efficiency Requirements
 - *You'll pay more for TV's, iPods and other electronics. Manufacturers will be required to make their products use less energy, and that cost will be passed on to you.*
- Subsidize the production of crops used for fuel or energy
 - *Ethanol, Ethanol, Ethanol. Whether you like it or not, your tax dollars will pay for even more ethanol and other bio-fuels. You'll pay again when you pay at the pump.*

For a detailed discussion of many of these job killing mandates, see Hot Air Reports 22 - 30, which are accessible on the link at the bottom of this page.

Now is the time to contact your state legislators and let them know you oppose this legislation. And don't forget to ask your friends, relatives and associates in other parts of the state to do the same. The draft legislation will change in the coming weeks, but it will most certainly contain many provisions to further derail Wisconsin's economy. I will keep you updated as further developments occur.

Access all my reports online, at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm23/news/media.htm>.

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