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**ALERT: Global Warming Bill to be Voted on Tuesday
Assembly Democrats set to lead Wisconsin toward ratepayer disaster**

Late Friday, Assembly Democrats added the Global Warming Bill (AB 649) to this Tuesday's session calendar. In previous *Hot Air Reports*, we have discussed the harmful effects this legislation will have. Among several damaging provisions, the bill requires a 25% renewable energy mandate by 2025 and will lead to skyrocketing utility rates.

This Tuesday, Assembly Democrats will also pass legislation to dramatically and negatively overhaul our election process and open the door to widespread voter fraud. The audacity of the Democrats in pushing through major policy changes at the 11th hour is stunning. Last week in fact, they brought up well over 100 bills and voted on them in just two floor sessions.

Did Assembly Democrats even read what they voted for? Clocking in at 150 pages, it seems unlikely that most Assembly Democrats will read and understand the Global Warming bill before tomorrow's vote.

So what has happened in other parts of the country? Ratepayer disaster. In previous *Hot Air Reports*, I've discussed the 19% rate hike proposals that have occurred in Minnesota. Minnesota recently passed a 25% by 2025 renewable mandate in 2007 and is not alone in its troubles.

The City of Los Angeles has a requirement to achieve 20% renewables by the end of the year and 35%-40% renewables by 2020. City officials have capped rates, however, and are now engaged in a bitter battle with one utility. The city authorized a 5% increase, but negotiations fell apart when the utility demanded 5.7%. The utility also is threatening to withhold a \$73 million payment to the city and city council members are crying extortion. The city's rate caps have prevented the utility from charging its customers the full amount of their cost increases.

It seems the global warming proponents want to have their cake and eat it too. What will Wisconsin's utility rates look like in the coming years if the global warming bill passes?

Contact your representatives and voice your thoughts on the global warming bill. Urge your friends and family to do the same and find out who your representatives are at the following link:

<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx>.

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