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ALERT: H.R. 2454 is a hidden tax that will eat your money!

It's "Cap-and-Tax," not "Cap-and-Trade".

[REASON FOR THIS URGENCY: The Democrat majority has set Thursday, June 25th at 9:30 a.m. as the deadline for changing H.R. 2454, with a floor vote expected soon after that.]

American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, H.R. 2454 would be the biggest government takeover of the economy since World War II. That's the last time energy, food, and other basic commodities were rationed. If this Waxman-Markey bill passes, middle-class Americans will be saddled with another \$2 trillion (with a t) in taxes. Not only would this be the biggest tax increase in the history of the world, it is yet another example of President Obama's violating his own campaign promise not to raise taxes on the middle class.

H.R. 2454 will drain your pocketbook, as follows:

- Household electricity rates would increase by 90 percent, gasoline by 74 percent and residential natural gas by 55 percent by 2035, after adjusting for inflation.
- It would burden U.S. households with \$144.8 billion (with a b) more per year.
- Household earnings would be reduced by a projected \$37.8 billion (with a b).
- The \$136 billion (with a b) lower economic output means 965,000 jobs lost per year.
- Translation: That would increase energy costs another \$1,145 per U.S. household.
- Further translation: low-income households would be disproportionately burdened, as energy costs consume a bigger chunk of their income than of wealthier households.
- Ultimate result: the U.S. coal industry will be so heavily taxed, it cannot sustain itself.

ACTION – Call all 13 Georgia U.S. Congressmen. Ask each to vote NO on H.R. 2454, so cleverly named "cap-and-trade", although it's actually a huge tax increase on taxpayers! Call all 13, but call your own congressman first. If you don't know his name, call the public library for that information. Georgia's congressmen are listed below by name and district.

Dist. 1 Kingston, 202 225-5831, FAX 202 226-2269; **2 Bishop**, 202 225-3631, FAX 202 225-2203; **3 Westmoreland**, 202 225-5901, FAX 202 225-2515; **4 Johnson**, 202 225-1605, FAX 202 226-0691; **5 Lewis**, 202 225-3801, FAX 202 225-0351; **6 Price**, 202 225-4501, FAX 202 225-4656; **7 Linder**, 202 225-4272, FAX 202 225-4696; **8 Marshall**, 202 225-6531, FAX 202 225-3013; **9 Deal**, 202 225-5211, FAX 202 225-8272; **10 Broun**, 202 225-4101, FAX 202 226-0776; **11 Gingrey**, 202 225-2931, FAX 202 225-2944; **12 Barrow**, 202 225-2823, FAX, 202 225-3377; **13 Scott**, 202 225-2939, FAX 202 225-4628.