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Bill includes two Lipinski initiatives

Representative Dan Lipinski joined a majority in the House of Representatives in passing landmark energy independence legislation that will help make our nation more secure, create new American jobs, reduce energy costs for consumers and fight global warming.

The bill will strengthen national security by reducing dependence on foreign oil and help average Americans by repealing \$23 billion in tax subsidies for big oil companies. The bill supports cutting edge research and the creation of new jobs and technologies by investing \$2.3 billion in clean, renewable fuels such as hydrogen, ethanol, bioenergy, solar, geothermal and hydro energy. These initiatives were previously approved in legislation passed through the House Committee on Science and Technology.

Lipinski contributed two significant provisions to the bill related to alternative energy development and energy conservation. The first initiative directs the U.S. General Services Administration to replace commonly used low efficiency light bulbs with high efficiency bulbs whenever a new bulb is installed in a GSA-owned office building. By installing high efficiency light bulbs in its 1,800 facilities, this initiative will cut down significantly on energy use by the federal government and save tens of millions of taxpayer dollars.

