



Going Green

CLIMATE BILL

A long awaited Climate Bill was expected to be released Wednesday, May 12, by U.S. Senators John Kerry and Joe Lieberman. Following is an Earth Day communication from the League of Women Voters. It should be interesting to compare the hi-lights of the proposed bill with the League's letter!

CLIMATE LEGISLATION IMPORTANT

Why is climate legislation important? The scientific evidence is clear: climate change, caused largely by human emissions of greenhouse gases, is already threatening our health and causing environmental damages, including:

- ◆ Intensifying floods, hurricanes, sewage overflows, and wildfires.
- ◆ Displaced populations and an increase in the spread of diseases like malaria.
- ◆ Severe droughts and heat waves leading to heat-related illness and deaths.
- ◆ Crop devastation and drinking water shortages.

What next? These disturbing trends will continue and worsen substantially unless we make serious changes. The League supports legislation that includes:

- ◆ A declining cap on greenhouse gases that reduces U.S. emissions at least 25% by 2020 and 80-95% by 2050;
- ◆ Funding to help the poorest countries deal with these emerging problems;
- ◆ A 10-year moratorium on new coal plants to restrict greenhouse gas emissions;
- ◆ Investments in a new clean energy economy, including wind, conservation and efficiency programs that will secure energy supplies, foster innovation and create new jobs.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS AT CHURCH

The Lions Club is still providing recycling containers in the Faith Church parking lot. They just look a little different. The large green bin is for newspapers, computer paper and junk mail. There are two smaller barrels along side the paper bin for aluminum cans. So keep your recyclables coming!! Income received is added to Peacemaking Offering monies and is used for worthy programs.

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