

Thank you. I am very proud and pleased with your many efforts. We are a great team! Collectively, we have suspended our many conservation battles so that we could fight this war that we must not lose.

I am also pleased that we are building the largest tent possible with many new and important voices. The National Wildlife Federation staff, consultants, board, volunteers and affiliates have pulled together as never before and the future of wildlife looks a bit more promising as a result.

You have all worked very hard and that has been deeply inspiring to me. All the extra effort that you have given to this critically important vote--even into the late hours every night this week--made a big difference. While we did not hit the sixty vote threshold to move forward with the amendment process, we made important progress that is setting the table for next year's critical actions.

When I came back to NWF four years ago, I put a green Post It (c) note on my monitor with these simple words, "Keep your destination in view." It daily reminds me that climate stabilization must be our common destination and that I need to keep working for that by living the promise that I made to our board, affiliates and to you.

Working together as never before, we will win this.

Below is the statement that we have released to the media.

Thank you.

Larry

Global Warming Fight Shifts to 2009 After Senate Bid Stalls But Vote "Creates Momentum We Need to Continue the Fight"

WASHINGTON, DC (June 6, 2008) - Larry Schweiger, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, released the following statement regarding today's unsuccessful effort in the U.S. Senate to overcome the stalling and filibuster tactics of those opposed to global warming legislation:

"This historic vote on the strongest global warming bill ever acted on by Congress creates momentum we need to continue the fight. In all, 54 senators spoke up for the need to debate solutions to global warming, far surpassing the 38 votes in 2005 and 43 votes in 2003 for legislation that was significantly weaker than this year's Climate Security Act. Supporters today included ten Senate converts who had not supported cap-and-trade legislation in prior votes in 2003 and 2005.

"The good news is that many senators who have previously buried their head in the sand and pretended global warming doesn't exist now acknowledge the problem is real. The bad news is

they are now throwing sand in the gears to prevent Congress from actually doing anything about it.

"How could any senator vote against advancing debate on global warming legislation? What were they thinking? If we don't tackle climate change soon, it will tackle us. It's that simple. Climate change is threatening our national security, our economy and the natural resources all Americans depend on.

"Every senator who voted against continued debate on the Climate Security Act has voted against investing in a clean energy future that will energize our struggling economy, voted against safeguarding our families and voted against protecting and restoring America's natural resources.

"Despite today's vote, the results are vital to our plans for passing strong global warming legislation next year. We now know which senators are paying attention to science and listening to the public, and which ones are instead listening to oil companies.

"Today's vote was just round one. Round two will be when voters have their say in November. Round three will happen in 2009 when we have a new president and a new Congress who will listen to the vast majority of Americans who want real action.

"We extend our deep gratitude to Senators Boxer, Reid, Warner and Lieberman, and other bill champions, who have been tireless leaders to address the urgent problem of climate change.

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