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> (For those playing inside baseball: Yes, we are aware that the cloture  
> vote is on Frist's amendment to the motion to recommit and report the  
> bill back as amended with the amendment tree filled. However, the  
> purpose of that maneuvering is to proceed to debate on final passage of  
> the bill. This press release overlooks those intermediary technical  
> steps because few people outside the Beltway [and many like me inside  
> the Beltway] are interested in or can follow those technicalities.)

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> Affordable Energy at Senate Crossroads

> Key Vote Tomorrow on Omnibus Energy Bill

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> Washington, D.C., July 31, 2003- Tomorrow morning the U. S. Senate will  
> hold one of the most important votes this session on the future of  
> affordable energy. Majority Leader Frist has scheduled a vote to invoke  
> cloture and cut off debate on the Senate energy bill, S. 14. Opponents  
> of affordable energy have stalled passage of this key legislation by  
> prolonging debate and offering an endless series of harmful amendments.

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> "A vote against ending debate is a vote against affordable energy," said  
> ME. "Consumers all across the country are facing much higher  
> electricity rates and skyrocketing heating bills because of the natural  
> gas crisis. By blocking passage of this bill, Senate opponents are  
> saying that they don't care whether poor and elderly people have to  
> choose between eating and heating this winter."

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> "This is the right time to end debate and pass the energy bill. The  
> hundreds of remaining amendments are nearly all designed to make energy  
> less abundant and raise energy prices. Many of the amendments are just  
> payoffs to special interests. And several Senators want to use the  
> energy bill to implement the Kyoto global warming treaty, which would  
> eventually lead to energy rationing," Ebell concluded.

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> The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee passed and sent  
> Chairman Pete Domenici's bill to the floor on April 30. S. 14 has been  
> debated on the Senate floor on nineteen days. The House passed its  
> energy bill, H. R. 6, on April 11. In the 107th Congress, both the

> House and Senate passed energy legislation, but it died in conference  
> committee.  
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