

WASHINGTON □ Congressman John W. Olver (D-MA) is calling for national energy policy to include a national strategy and a greenhouse gas registry to address climate change.

"One of the most glaring oversights of the energy bill is its failure to address the issue of climate change," Olver said.

As the House debates the energy bill (HR 6) this week, Olver is pushing a bipartisan amendment to the bill.

Olver is cosponsoring the amendment with Congressmen Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-MD), Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), and Tom Lantos (D-OH).

This amendment would do two things. First, it would require the development of a National Climate Change Strategy.

Olver said, "This amendment is very moderate and we really should be doing so much more. But the current bill is a step in the right direction."

Around the country, states are individually taking action. Massachusetts issued a plan in May to cut emissions by 25 percent by 2020.

U.S. businesses are far ahead of Congress and the White House. American Electric Power is investing \$1 billion in renewable energy.

Olver will offer the amendment at Rules Committee today. If the Rules Committee approves the amendment, it will be brought to the floor.

Olver and Gilchrest are co-chairs of the Climate Change Caucus, a clearinghouse for information and resources on climate change.

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