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The Cooler Heads Coalition will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, beginning at 12 noon at CEI, 1310 L Street, N. W., Seventh Floor.

Items:

Curbelo carbon tax bill introduction next week and two events on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.  
House vote on Scalise anti-carbon tax resolution.

## **Curbelo Carbon Tax Bill**

### **Two events on Monday—Pro and Con:**

**Pro:**

Representative Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.) will introduce his carbon tax bill early next week. Curbelo will speak at a press conference 9 to 10:15 AM on Monday at the National Press Club sponsored by the faux-libertarian Niskanen Center and the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia U.

You may register to attend here: <http://energypolicy.columbia.edu/events-calendar/congressman-curbelo-and-carbon-tax-policy>. Or you can watch it live on the web here: <http://energypolicy.columbia.edu/livestream>. I have pasted the details below.

**Con:**

Americans for Tax Reform is holding a press conference at 11 AM also at the National Press Club. I haven't seen the list of speakers, but I expect Grover Norquist will be there, and I know my colleague Marlo Lewis is on the list. To Rsvp or for more details, please e-mail John Kartch at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org). I have pasted ATR's alert on the Curbelo bill below.

## **Americans for Tax Reform: Details of the Job-Crushing Curbelo Carbon Tax Bill**

Posted by [ATR](#) on Friday, July 20th, 2018, 10:29 AM [PERMALINK](#)

On Monday July 23 Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.) will introduce a bill to impose a massive carbon tax on his constituents and the American people.

Details:

**Imposes a massive tax directly on American manufacturers.** Bill excerpt: *“The point of taxation shall be for products manufactured in the United States, the manufacturing facility.”*

**Gives unfettered power to the EPA chief to impose carbon taxes.** The bill makes a long list of industries subject to the carbon tax, and then lets the EPA boss add to that list at will. Bill excerpt: The EPA Administrator may *“add any product to this list by rule.”*

**Encourages states to impose carbon taxes on top of the federal carbon tax.** Americans will end up paying federal AND state carbon taxes.

**Abusive penalties for non-payment of carbon taxes. The penalty amount is “equal to 3 times the applicable amount”.** Bill excerpt: Americans *“shall be liable for payment to the Secretary, without demand, of a penalty equal to 3 times the applicable amount specified by those sections for the same tax year as the year in which the person failed to comply with such requirements.”*

**Authorizes a UN-style “National Climate Commission.”**

**Authorizes said “National Climate Commission” to shovel taxpayer money to “consultants”.** The left wing activists who authored the bill wrote themselves in as beneficiaries. Bill excerpt: *“The Commission is authorized to procure the services of experts and consultants”.*

**“This is a direct attack on American manufacturing and competitiveness,”** said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“It also sets up an earmark for left wing activists who would be paid as ‘consultants’ with taxpayer money.”**

## **Columbia-Niskanen press conference at the National Press Club at 9 AM Monday**

On behalf of Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy and the Niskanen Center, please join us for an event with **Congressman Carlos Curbelo (FL-26)** to discuss the Market Choice Act, legislation he will introduce that day. After a 1-1 conversation between Congressman Curbelo and **Jason Bordoff**, Founding Director of the Center on Global Energy Policy, we will move to a panel conversation on the energy, economic and emissions effects of the Congressman's proposal and carbon pricing more broadly. Our distinguished panelists will include:

- **Noah Kaufman**, Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy
- **Nat Keohane**, Senior Vice President, Environmental Defense Fund
- **Lynn Scarlet**, Co Chief External Affairs Officer, The Nature Conservancy
- **Jessica Hogle**, Senior Director, Federal Affairs, PG&E Corporation
- Moderator: **Joseph Majkut**, Director of Climate Policy, Niskanen Center

Read our analysis of the Congressman's legislation [here](#):

### **H. Con. Res. 119**

The House passed the Scalise anti-carbon tax resolution on Thursday by a 229 to 180 vote. Six Republicans voted against the resolution and seven Democrats voted for it. We'll see who gets re-elected.

**Republicans voting no:** Curbelo (Fla.), Fitzpatrick (Penna.), Hollingsworth (Ind.), Love (Ut.), Rooney (Fla.), Ros-Lehtinen (Fla.).

**Democrats voting yes:** Bishop (Ga.), Cuellar (Tex.), Lamb (Penna.), Gonzalez (Tex.), Murphy (Fla.), O'Halleran (Az.), Sinema (Az.).

**Two Members voting present:** Costello (R-Penna.) and Lujan Grisham (D-NM).

**Seventeen members did not vote.**

**Republicans:** Bergman (Mich.), Black (Tenn.), Garrett (Va.), Granger (Tex.), Jones (NC), Royce (Calif.).

**Democrats:** Brady (Penna.), Cardenas (Calif.), Crowley (NY), Ellison (Minn.), Fudge (Ohio), Hanabusa (Hi.), Lawson (Fla.), Peterson (Minn.), Richmond (La.), Speier (Calif.), Walz (Minn.).

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