Policy, Procedure, and Patience

Lessons from a Science Policy Colloquium

Washington, D.C.
June 2014
American Meteorological Society
Summer Policy Colloquium

- Established in 2001 to create a bridge for the science community to Washington D.C.
- ~500 participants have completed the program: weather service employees, faculty, administrators, postdocs and graduate students

- Focus of 10-Day Agenda:
  - Science policy fundamentals
  - Legislative branch
  - Executive branch
  - Agencies and international development
  - Hands-on policy exercise
  - Science communication
Legislative Branch

H.R. 2413 Weather Forecasting Improvement Act of 2014

This bill passed in the House on April 1, 2014 and goes to the Senate next for consideration.

Introduced
JUN 18, 2013

Reported by Committee
DEC 5, 2013

Passed House
APR 1, 2014
Vote was by voice vote so no record of individual votes was made.

Passed Senate

Enacted — Signed by the President

https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr2413
H. R. 2380

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 13, 2009

Mr. Inglis (for himself, Mr. Lipinski, and Mr. Flake) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce social security payroll taxes and to reduce the reliance of the United States economy on carbon-based energy sources.

Section 1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the “Raise Wages, Cut Carbon Act of 2009”.

Sec. 2. Reduction of social security taxes; tax on combustible fossil fuels

(a) In general.—

Chapter 38 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to environmental taxes) is amended by adding at the end thereof the
Executive Branch

Notes:

OSTP
- Office of Science and Technology Policy

OMB
- Office of Management and Budget

CEQ
- Council on Environmental Quality

Funding:
Authorization - expenditure of funds to create programs is **authorized**
Appropriation - actual amount of funds (if any) for programs is **appropriated**
Communication Workshop

“and, but, therefore”

and __________________

but ____________________

therefore ________________.
Int’l Policy & Science for Diplomacy
Interagency Collaboration:
Water management case study

US Army Corps of Engineers
~$5B/year

National Weather Service
$1B/year

USGS
USGS ~$1B/year

U.S. Drought Monitor
August 21, 2012

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/
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