



# **CLEAN ENERGY BILL**

What It Will Cost  
You & Your Family

# WHAT IS THIS BILL?

- Will it contribute to a cleaner environment?
- What exactly is Cap and Trade?
- Will it create jobs?
- What other areas of your life, will this bill affect?
- How much will this bill cost?
- How will this bill affect your wallet?

# Will This Bill Contribute To A Cleaner Environment And Fight Global Warming?

- This bill would reduce the earth's temperature by 0.1 – 0.2 degrees C by the year 2100. This is considered an amount too small to notice.
- Western European nations, like Spain, with cap and trade government control actually show an increase in carbon dioxide emissions!

- Many nations with cap and trade have had faster rates of emissions growth, than the United States has without the cap and trade.
- Cap and trade stifles innovation as it promotes strong central planning by government. In European nations with cap and trade, environmental issues and protection goes downward as focus shifts to human needs like jobs, economy, etc. So the environment suffers.

# What Is Cap and Trade?

- Cap refers to “putting a cap” on greenhouse emissions. This is primarily carbon dioxide.
- Carbon dioxide is the byproduct of fossil fuel combustion. That means coal, oil, and natural gas. These products represent 85% of our energy.

- This bill would require a reduction from carbon dioxide baseline levels of 2005, of 3% by 2012, 17% by 2020 and 83% by 2050.
- Electric utilities, oil refineries, natural gas producers, and some manufacturers that produce energy onsite will be directly regulated. That means their increased costs will be passed on to us!
- These entities would be given free or be required to purchase "rights" to emit carbon dioxide.

- “Allowances” , as these are called, would become tradable commodities. Those who have extras can sell them to those who don't....hence the TRADE.
- Over time, these allowances will go down, culminating in an 83% reduction in allowances in the year 2050. The companies using fossil fuel will be fighting for only 17% of the allowances.

# Will It Create Jobs?

- For every “green job” created other will be lost.
- A study in Spain, who has a similar cap and trade program, showed for every green job gained, 2 1/2 others were LOST.

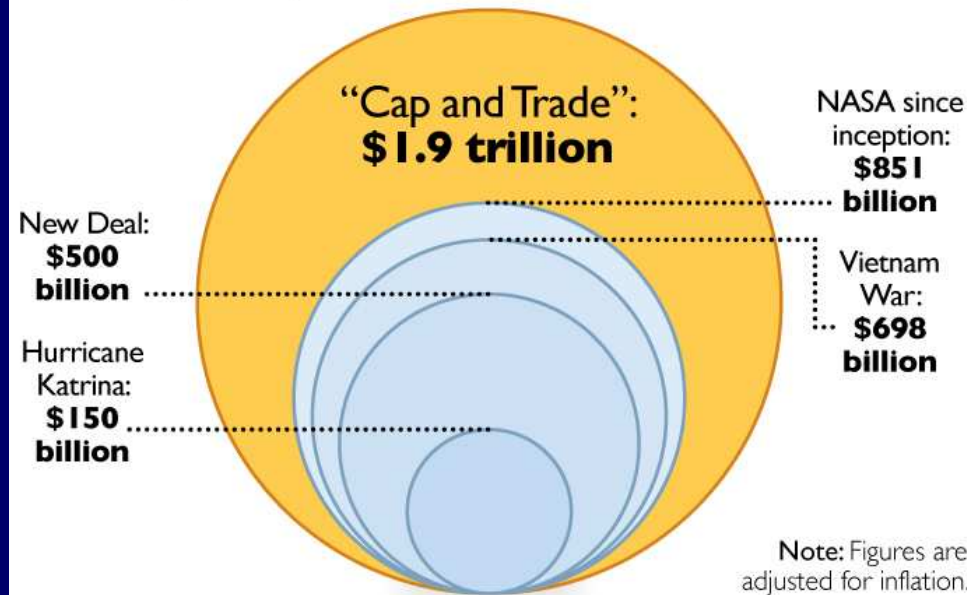
# How Much Will This Bill Cost?

- This bill would impose \$1.9 trillion in taxes on U.S. businesses and consumers over the next eight years.
- THIS IS THE SINGLE LARGEST TAX BILL EVER PROPOSED.

## GLOBAL WARMING

### 'Cap and trade' blows roof off spending

Rules proposed by President Obama and Congress to slow global warming, called "cap and trade," in effect would impose \$1.9 trillion in taxes on U.S. businesses and consumers over eight years. That price, paid through higher energy bills, is over 10 times the cost of Hurricane Katrina and rivals combined spending on the New Deal, the Vietnam War and space exploration.



For more research on "cap and trade," go to [heritage.org](http://heritage.org) and click on **Energy & Environment**.

Sources: CNBC, Naval History and Heritage Command, USA Today, Weather.com, National Weather Service, Heritage Foundation calculations.

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# How Will This Bill Affect Your Wallet?

- Over the next eight year period, you can expect, adjusting for inflation, the following increases:
  - 90% increase in electricity rates
  - 74% in gasoline prices
  - 55% in natural gas prices
  - SEE THE CHART BELOW

## GLOBAL WARMING

### Adding \$1,960 in 'cap and trade' to the family budget

Americans face a \$1.9 trillion bill if Congress approves "cap and trade" rules proposed by President Obama to counter global warming. That boils down to \$1,960 per household, every year for eight years. Many families would have to tighten their budgets to cover the added cost, which is more than the average household spends per year on:



**\$1,764**

Select groceries  
(meat, poultry, fish,  
eggs, dairy, fruits  
and vegetables)

**\$1,797**

Furniture,  
appliances,  
carpet, other  
furnishings



**\$1,881**

Clothes and shoes



**\$1,783**

Electricity and  
natural gas



**\$1,709**

Property taxes

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Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2007; "cap and trade" calculations by The Heritage Foundation.

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# **DON'T BE MISLED...THIS IS A TAX AND IT IS DANGEROUS!**

- Go to [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) and write, email or phone your senators today.

Tell them

**VOTE**

**NO**

**On the MARKEY-WAXMAN BILL  
(also known as Clean Energy Bill)**