

Congressman Aims To Pass Climate Change Law By 2009

The head of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee says he will endeavour to pass climate change legislation by the end of 2008. Michigan Democrat John Dingell says the issue is one of the most difficult tasks he has faced in his Congressional career. Dingell has told the Detroit Economic Club that the legislation would feature an economy-wide cap and trade system for emissions and that coal, petroleum and nuclear energy would be components. He says any legislation would spread the emissions-regulation burden “evenly and equally” among several industries, including oil companies and electricity utilities, adding that industry, environmental and labour groups all would have a say in the final legislation. “We are all going to share in this, and everyone – industry or individual – will be putting their tithe into the box,” Dingell said.

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