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House Passes Most Important Environmental Bill In History

Washington – Today, the House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act by a vote of 219 to 212. The act represents America's first comprehensive attempt to build a new, clean energy economy. It will create millions of jobs, reduce our dangerous dependence on oil, and mitigate the threat of global warming. The League of Conservation Voters considers today's vote the most important environmental vote ever taken by the House of Representatives.

"Today's victory will be remembered as a key moment in American history, the moment when America began to build the clean energy economy that fueled the 21st Century," LCV President Gene Karpinski said. "LCV thanks Speaker Pelosi, Chairman Waxman, Chairman Markey, Majority Leader Hoyer, Majority Whip Clyburn, and the other leaders who made this bill possible."

"We commend all those Members of Congress who voted for this bill, particularly those Republicans who stood in support of a new clean energy economy," Karpinski continued. "Their courage and foresight will be the foundation on which we build a safer, cleaner, more prosperous America."

"Passing this bill through the House of Representatives required the combined efforts of labor unions, environmental organizations, businesses, faith groups, and veterans," Karpinski concluded. "That powerful coalition will continue to work together to strengthen and pass this bill in the Senate as it moves towards President Obama's desk."

In light of the tremendous importance of this legislation, LCV made the unprecedented decision that it will not endorse any member of the House of

Representatives in the 2010 election cycle who voted against final passage of this historic bill. LCV stands by that policy.

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