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"Drilling for oil off of Florida's coast will do nothing to address our energy crisis. The Bush Administration's own studies show that there would be no impact on the price of oil until 2030, and even then the impact would be insignificant. Unfortunately, it seems that President Bush is using Florida's \$65 billion tourism industry as a political football. My constituents want answers, not political posturing," Congressman Mahoney said.

Since coming to Congress, Congressman Mahoney has been one of the leading champions in creating and passing legislation that provides massive new investments in alternative energy, including cellulosic ethanol. Congressman Mahoney urged the President to focus on solutions that will meaningfully address the US energy crisis.

"Our energy crisis is not a problem that the United States will be able to drill its way out of. That's why I created and passed landmark legislation that will create gasoline from agricultural waste produced right here in South Florida. This legislation will provide real relief starting in 2009, create new jobs and revenue streams for our agriculture industry, and make Florida a leader in bio-fuels. These are the kinds of answers that my constituents are looking for, not politics as usual," Mahoney concluded.

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