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Quotes About the Kyoto Protocol And EPA Implementation

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“I recognize that there should be no imposition of rules or regulations or decrees until and unless the Kyoto Protocol is actually ratified.”

Rep. David Obey (D-WI)

“The product that came out of Kyoto was flawed. I have great doubts that it will be ratified.”

Rep. Obey

“No one is disputing that (the Administration) should not implement a treaty that has not been ratified.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA)

“There are serious issues and concerns with (Kyoto’s) content and its intent...nothing should be done to implement that Protocol until the Senate, if ever, should ratify it and move forward.”

Rep. John Tierney (D-MA)

“No rules, no regulations that relate directly to the implementation of the Kyoto Protocols should be done in any direct way prior to ratification of the treaty. The Kyoto Protocols clearly have flaws in them.”

Rep. John Olver (D-MA)

The (EPA) is expected to provide education, not advocacy. And if the agency goes across the line into advocacy, it does so at its peril.”

Rep. Obey

“We do not let executive branch agencies to adopt regulations to enforce treaties that have not been ratified.”

Rep. Waxman

“India, a mass emitter of CO-2, is not going to be bound. Our friends in China have told me that they will never be bound. So that leaves Uncle Sam, the United States, which proposes to be bound by a treaty which is going to cause enormous economic hardship.”

Rep. John Dingell (D-MI)

“We should not be trying to implement the Kyoto Protocols if we have not signed them.”

Rep. George Brown (D-CA)

“Some of my colleagues this morning talked as if it were clear that we are experiencing global warming. We cannot prove that. We do not know that.”

Rep. James Greenwood (R-PA)

“The Kyoto Protocol could not—and should not—be ratified in its current form, and no one should behave as if the treaty has been ratified.”

Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY)

“The United States Congress, namely the Senate, has not given the authority to the Environmental Protection Agency to implement Kyoto and it should not do that without proper authorization.”

Rep. Greenwood

