



## T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 3.3.10

### Total of 14 Placements

- Print: 5
- Blog/Online: 7
- Broadcast: 2

### Coverage Summary:

*The Houston Chronicle* published a column on Pickens' visit last week with the editorial board. The piece looks at the evolution of the Pickens Plan during the past year and a half and says the plan offers a starting point and buys America some breathing room in solving our dependence on foreign oil.

*Politico* reported on Pickens meeting with John Kerry last month, detailing what was discussed and how the meeting originated. It says that although the meeting did not yield any concrete plans, Pickens and Kerry did find areas of agreement on the need for alternative energy sources. *CQ Politics' Political Wire*, *ABC's The Note* and *CBS News' Political Hotsheet* also reported on the *Politico* story.

Anadarko CEO Jim Hackett appeared on *CNBC's Mad Money* where he discussed natural gas' potential to serve as the fuel for America today and in the future. He said if the public starts talking about it, if we write to our Congressmen, and if we make sure that everybody knows that natural gas is part of the answer, the administration will start to move. The interview can be viewed here:

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=1429815779&play=1>

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- &#61623 **Pros Place Bets on Wind Stocks in 2010, Pickens Not Among Them** – *Ticker Spy* – 3/3/10

## HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

### **Revision Makes Pickens Plan A Lot More Workable** – *Houston Chronicle* – 3/3/10

By Loren Steffy

As the meeting broke up, T. Boone Pickens reminded me that I'd criticized his energy plan a while back, and he hadn't forgotten it.

That was the summer of 2008, and a lot's changed since then.

Pickens met with the Chronicle's editorial board last week and boldly predicted the country will have an energy plan by Memorial Day.

"We've never had an energy plan for America," he said. "We've had cheap oil."

I won't hold him to the date, but I admire his belief that this Congress could get anything done, let alone an energy plan for which it has shown a stubborn lack of understanding.

Pickens would like to see Congress pass the Natural Gas Act, complementary bills in the House and Senate that would expand the use of the fuel to power heavy trucks and fleet vehicles. By itself, it's not an energy plan, but it's better policy than much of the energy legislation we've seen in recent years.

Natural gas prices have fallen almost 70 percent during the past year and a half, prompting the erstwhile oilman to tweak his much-hyped Pickens Plan. It's still full of unbridled wildcatter optimism, but by de-emphasizing wind power and offering a more realistic strategy for converting vehicles to run on natural gas, Pickens now has a more workable plan.

"I have refined the message," Pickens said.

#### Why wind has slowed

Widespread discovery of natural gas deposits from shale formations has undermined the economics of wind power, at least for now. While Pickens said he's still committed to wind energy, it's difficult to finance as long as natural gas remains cheap.

Previously, he wanted to increase the use of wind power for electricity generation and shift some of the natural gas used for power to run cars and trucks. I argued that wind power simply wasn't reliable enough to shoulder that much generation.

Rather than moving away from natural gas generation, the use of wind would actually increase the need for it, because wind power's inconsistency requires conventional plants to act as a backup. During a 10-year period ending in 2008, the amount of natural gas used to generate electricity rose by 64 percent, according to the Energy Information Administration.

That's not likely to change. The aversion to coal plants and the long delays in building nukes mean natural gas is the preferred generating fuel nationally.

#### Abundance of natural gas

The original Pickens Plan called for converting private cars to run on natural gas, which wasn't realistic or economical, at least in the short term.

Thanks to the shale discoveries, Pickens believes we now have enough natural gas — the estimated equivalent of more than 700 billion barrels of oil — to generate electricity and power vehicles.

"This is huge," he said. "This is a global game-changer. It's 700 billion barrels equivalent that's landed in your lap."

Pickens has toned down the vehicle portion of his plan to focus on the 8 million 18-wheelers on the road.

Pickens estimates that converting the trucks to natural gas would reduce U.S. oil demand by about 2.5 million barrels a day.

We're not likely to switch all diesel engines to natural gas quickly, even with tax credits for the conversions. Long-haul trucks, for example, would be much more difficult to switch than delivery trucks or other vehicles that stay close to refueling stations. (Pickens, by the way, is the biggest shareholder in a California company that operates natural gas refueling stations.)

But converting even a portion of the diesels now on the road would be a step toward loosening the grip of our foreign oil suppliers while taking some polluters off the road.

It's a step

By itself, it's not a solution to our oil dependence, but it buys us some breathing room.

"This gives us a way to get back on our feet," Pickens said. "I want to give some flexibility to the country."

It's easy to get distracted by Pickens' flair for the dramatic, and he's known for being overly optimistic, especially about natural gas.

But his revised energy plan, unlike the original, offers a better starting point. And, as he likes to say, you have to start somewhere.

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### **John Kerry, Swift Boat Backer Meet – Politico – 3/3/10**

By Kenneth P. Vogel

Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), looking for help where he can find it to pass his top legislative priority, has extended an olive branch of sorts to the man who bears as much responsibility as anyone for his greatest political defeat.

In an effort to build support for the climate change legislation he's crafting with Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Kerry last month met quietly in his Washington office with the two lawmakers and T. Boone Pickens, the Texas oilman behind the Swift Boat attack ads that helped sink Kerry's 2004 presidential bid.

The previously unreported session, which Kerry initiated, did not yield any concrete plans, but did find areas of agreement between the two former adversaries on the need for alternative energy sources, POLITICO has learned. And the session just might have set the ball rolling for Pickens to spend millions of dollars supporting a potentially career defining bill sponsored by a former archenemy.

Pickens, who has contributed more than \$6.6 million to Republican candidates and committees since the 1980s, has reinvented himself in recent years as a leading champion of clean energy. He has spent some \$62 million and counting on television ads urging Congress to encourage development of wind and natural gas, in which he has business interests.

At 81 years old, his new crusade has landed him improbable audiences – if not alliances – with leading environmentalists, then-presidential candidate Barack Obama, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid – who once called Pickens a "mortal enemy," but more recently referred to

him as "my political friend" – and dozens of rank and file lawmakers who have signed onto a natural gas bill he's pushing in Congress.

But until the private meeting last month, Pickens – who in 2004 donated \$2 million to the group that aired the brutal Swift Boats ads challenging Kerry's decorated military service in Vietnam – had done little to mend fences with Kerry.

In fact, as recently as 2007, when Kerry was gearing up for Senate re-election, Pickens revived his Swift Boat attacks, offering \$1 million dollars to anyone who could disprove claims made in the ads.

Nonetheless, Kerry requested the meeting over the objection of his top political aides, according to a senior Senate staffer familiar with the circumstances.

Pickens and two aides slipped unnoticed into Kerry's office in the Russell Senate Office Building on Feb. 9th just after a massive winter storm that buried the Capitol under more than 2 feet of snow and shuttered most government offices.

In an hour-long meeting that was extended to accommodate Senate votes, Kerry, Graham, Lieberman and Pickens discussed "several alternative energies and the economic benefits of comprehensive climate and energy legislation," said the Senate staffer, who said there was no discussion of the bitter past between Pickens and Kerry.

But Pickens, who has said he retired from the partisan political money game in 2008 to focus exclusively on alternative energy, saw the meeting as a chance to close a chapter, according to his spokesman Jay Rosser.

"It was a productive meeting in which the two put the past behind them to talk about the serious energy issues facing America," Rosser said in an email.

"Boone believes Sen. Kerry understands the environmental, economic and national security risks associated with our ever-increasing dependence on foreign oil," said Rosser, adding that Pickens "looks forward to seeing how expanding the use of domestic natural gas, in power generation and as a replacement for foreign oil/diesel/gasoline in heavy duty vehicle applications, can help solve that problem."

He stressed that Pickens remains opposed to some measures supported by environmentalists such as the bill the House passed last year to cap carbon emissions and trade pollution allowances.

That plan and other so-called cap-and-trade proposals appear unlikely to garner enough votes to pass the Senate. Kerry, Lieberman and Graham recently have sketched out the broad contours of a more nuanced approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and spurring alternative energy development, designed to win support from the business community and senators wary of cap-and-trade.

The Washington Post last weekend reported that Kerry, Lieberman and Graham will introduce a bill in the coming weeks that would apply different carbon controls to emitters in different sectors of the economy rather than set a national target, and would expand domestic offshore oil and gas drilling, as well as federal assistance for nuclear power and carbon capture and storage projects at coal-fired utilities.

Rosser said Pickens "was encouraged that these senators are looking at new alternatives to the old way of doing things," but would not say whether Pickens supports the broad contours of their plan or whether he would air ads urging Congress to pass it.

But Kerry's willingness to set aside what some Democrats still consider the ultimate unforgivable smear to try to forge an alliance with Pickens suggests that he, Graham and Lieberman are gearing up to try push through a climate change bill before the looming 2010 midterm elections, which are expected to make legislating tougher.

And it surprised some political observers.

After TIME Magazine's Michael Duffy briefly mentioned during the "tell me something I don't know segment" of The Chris Matthews Show last weekend that Kerry and Pickens has met, host Matthews declared somewhat disbelievingly "So, John Kerry's going to forgive him of that character assassination?"

"I didn't say that, but they are going to try to work together," responded Duffy, prompting Matthews to recall Pickens' Swift Boat role: "What a brutal attack that man put against" Kerry.

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### **Kerry Meets with Swift Boat Backer – *Political Wire* – 3/3/10**

By Taegan Goddard

In an attempt to line up support for climate change legislation, Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), "has extended an olive branch of sorts to the man who bears as much responsibility as anyone for his greatest political defeat," Politico reports.

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### **Forward March: New Villains in Old Story, but Dems Face Own Distractions – *ABC's The Note* – 3/3/10**

By Rick Klein

The health care push lingered long enough to get Democrats something new: some villains to make the story more interesting.

(And that might even be a message that could break through, if Democrats weren't doing such an effective job producing bad guys of their own right now.)

Just as Anthem Blue Cross put a greedy corporate face on the health care debate, Sen. Jim Bunning put an angry congressional face on Republican obstructionism.

They answer the two key questions the public has to be asking for health care reform to go down smoothly: Why do Democrats need to act, and why do they need to act alone?

Neither characterization is entirely fair.

Yet neither is it fair that, at the very same moment that Democrats need to come together around health care, another kind of vote-counting is going on to gauge support for House Ways and Means Chairman (still for the moment) Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y., while Gov. (also for the moment) David Paterson, D-N.Y., twists in the wind he kicked up.

So it's not a clear shot. But it's a shot nonetheless, with just maybe some different dynamics, as President Obama commands all the health care attention once again:

ABC's Jake Tapper, on the president's message with his 1:45 pm ET remarks Wednesday: "President Obama will indicate a willingness to work with Republicans on some issue to get a health care reform bill passed but will say that if it is necessary, Democrats will use the controversial reconciliation rules requiring only 51 Senate votes to pass the 'fix' to the Senate bill.

"In his remarks, scheduled to be at the White House, the president will paint a picture of what he will say will happen without a health care reform bill -- skyrocketing premiums, everyone at the mercy of the insurance industry as recently seen with the 39% premium increases proposed by Anthem Blue Cross in California."

In embracing some Republican-offered ideas, the White House got the headlines it wanted on Wednesday. Thursday's and Friday's need to look a little different.

"By signaling that he is open to the opposition's ideas, Mr. Obama struck a bipartisan tone even as the White House prepared the ground for Democratic efforts to pass comprehensive legislation on a party-line vote," David M. Herszenhorn and Robert Pear write in The New York Times.

Embracing Republican ideas -- to get Democrats on board: "In a measure of the partisanship that has dominated the battle, his embrace of those GOP policies drew no plaudits from Republicans; instead, it appeared designed to coax votes from nervous Democratic moderates by demonstrating an attempt to cooperate with the other party," the AP's Alan Fram reports.

"Obama's gesture to include GOP-backed provisions on cutting health costs and preventing fraud appeared to strengthen the resolve of congressional Democrats," Lori Montgomery and Shailagh Murray report in The New York Times. "On Tuesday, Democratic leaders seemed increasingly confident that they could revive the bill and deliver it to Obama's desk, perhaps before the Easter recess begins March 29."

"The issues have been joined, we know where areas of commonality are, we know where the differences are," senior White House adviser David Axelrod tells Bloomberg's Kristin Jensen and Edwin Chen. "He will draw them out and talk about where that should lead us."

What's in a word that won't be spoken? "Obama is expected to stop short of formally calling for the use of reconciliation when he addresses his plans for health reform in remarks at the White House Wednesday, but officials say his message will be clear -- Congress should take an up-or-down vote on a comprehensive plan," Politico's Carrie Budoff Brown and Patrick O'Connor report. "Even as all signs point to reconciliation -- which would require 51 votes in the Senate to pass Obama's fixes to the Senate bill -- other problems surfaced Tuesday that could further complicate the Democrats' efforts."

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich.: "I don't see members voting for the Senate bill."

Unless... "A survey Tuesday by The Wall Street Journal of all House Democrats who voted against the bill last fall found at least a half-dozen lawmakers who are now withholding judgment," the Journal's Greg Hitt, Laura Meckler, and Janet Adamy report. "Among them is Rep. John Tanner (D., Tenn.), who is taking a 'wait and see approach' to the bill and wants to see details, a spokesman said. Mr. Tanner, who isn't running for re-election, voted no last time, in part out of concern the bill didn't go far enough to control costs for individuals and small businesses. Rep. John Adler (D., N.J.), a freshman who won a Republican-leaning district in 2008, is also undecided, after voting no last fall. He said the Senate bill did a better job containing health costs."

Wait -- more changes? The Washington Post editorial: "Many of [the Blue Dog Democrats] genuinely want the country to make progress on health care, but they are justly worried -- as are many of their constituents -- about enacting an expensive new entitlement at a time of rising federal debt. Our advice: Don't just agonize, do something. If the Blue Dogs stuck together, they could insist that health-care reform be made more responsible than the version recently endorsed by President Obama."

Why Jim Bunning still matters, even though he's stopped flipping off reporters, and has given up his one-man blockade holding up an extension of unemployment benefits: "If the rules let Jim Bunning hold up unemployment benefits for 200,000 Americans just because he feels like it, maybe voters won't get so outraged when the GOP talks about how important the filibuster is," writes Salon's Mike Madden, who gets a-hold of the Democrats' talking points.

(And the DNC is all over this one -- with local media hits on Bunning's impact from Florida to Louisiana to Arizona...)

And remember what March was supposed to be about? "Whatever happened to that shift from health care to the economy?" Jeff Zeleny writes in The New York Times. "That question came to mind as Mr. Obama arrived in Savannah on Tuesday, where he delivered a 17-minute economic speech and talked to bricklayers and steelworkers before returning home to settle in for another push on health care legislation."

What else March is turning out to be about: "Senior House Democratic aides say that House Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel is negotiating terms with Democratic leaders to step down temporarily from his post atop the powerful tax-writing committee, pending the completion of several ethics committee investigations into his conduct," ABC's Jonathan Karl reports. "But Rangel remained publicly defiant, emerging from a meeting with Democratic leaders tonight saying he would hold on to the chairman's gavel."

"You bet your life," Rangel said, when asked whether he would remain chairman. ("And I don't lie to the press," he added.)

Said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to The Hill: "I guess he is still chair of Ways and Means..."

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.: "We are going to be meeting [with] the caucus to discuss the best way forward," Van Hollen said, per Bloomberg News.

The New York Daily News: "Rangel was bluntly told he doesn't have the votes to hang onto his powerful perch atop the tax-writing committee, and he will have to quit as chairman as soon as Wednesday... Rangel told confidantes during the day that he knew time was running out."

Likely results, with House Republicans poised to force a vote on the matter Wednesday: "Rep. Charles Rangel appeared poised to lose the chairmanship of the powerful House tax-writing committee as dozens of Democrats said they would support a Republican resolution urging him to step down," The Wall Street Journal's Greg Hitt and Brody Mullins report. "As many as 30 House Democrats could join 178 House Republicans in voting to oust Mr. Rangel as head of the Ways and Means Committee."

"A growing number of rank-and-file Democrats said they could not envision standing behind the embattled chairman given the likelihood that he would soon face further reprimands by the ethics committee, and Republican challengers would criticize such a vote in the fall elections," David M. Herszenhorn and Carl Hulse report in The New York Times.

Into the swamp: "Pelosi is facing her most serious ethics quandary since she became speaker three years ago, vowing to run 'the most ethical Congress in history.' Her fellow Democrats are also facing sharp attacks from Republicans calling for Rangel's ouster," The Washington Post's Paul Kane and Perry Bacon Jr. report.

"A Democratic source had said Rangel was likely to 'temporarily' relinquish his chair amid rising concern among some Democrats that Rangel's troubles posed a political risk," the AP's Chuck Babington writes. "Rangel was scheduled to chair a Ways and Means Committee meeting Wednesday morning."

Elsewhere among Harlem Democrats... the political world is closing in on Gov. David Paterson.

"A key figure in the domestic abuse scandal bedeviling Gov. David A. Paterson told investigators that the governor phoned to enlist her help in quieting the accuser, according to a person with knowledge of her account," David Kocieniewski and Jeremy W. Peters report in The New York Times. "Deneane Brown, a state worker, was friends with both the governor and the woman who had accused a senior aide to Mr. Paterson of assaulting her last fall. The person with knowledge of Ms. Brown's version of events said Ms. Brown was told by Mr. Paterson several weeks ago to convey a message to the accuser: 'Tell her the governor wants her to make this go away.' "

"Fallout from the controversy continued on Tuesday. The State Police superintendent, Harry J. Corbitt, who first admitted a week ago that state troopers contacted Ms. Booker in what he described as an effort to explain her 'options,' announced Tuesday evening that he would resign," they continue.

Gubernatorial candidate Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., on ABC's "Top Line" Tuesday (and previously something of a Paterson defender): "He needs to step forward quickly and clarify this or he needs to step down."

And on the attorney general's investigation: "It seems to me absurd, honestly, that Andrew Cuomo, as a political aspirant to the governor's mansion not appoint somebody who is beyond reproach and independent and unbiased on this to conduct this investigation."

The New York Times editorial: "Gov. David Paterson gave New Yorkers his 'personal oath' on Friday that he had never abused his office. It now seems clear that, at the very least, he tried to arrange a ham-handed cover-up to avert a scandal involving a top aide. ... Mr. Paterson has failed to account for his actions. If he can show that he did no wrong, he must do so fully and immediately. If not, he should resign."

A very good week for Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.: "I was encouraged by many major political figures in New York to look closely at running for Senate," Mortimer B. Zuckerman tells the Daily News. "However, at this time, it is very difficult to see how I can devote the necessary time to either a campaign, or to working in Washington, if I were to win."

Before we leave New York.... "New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's top political strategist, Kevin Sheekey, will exit City Hall and return to the company the mayor founded, fueling speculation that Mr. Bloomberg is laying the groundwork for a potential White House bid," Michael Howard Saul reports in The Wall Street Journal. "Mr. Bloomberg tapped Howard Wolfson, a nationally known Democratic strategist who served as a senior aide on Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign, to take over Mr. Sheekey's duties this spring as deputy mayor for government affairs. Mr. Wolfson accepted the promotion Monday, his first day on the job as a senior aide."

In Texas -- not even close: "Kay Bailey Hutchison had many reasons to believe she'd beat Rick Perry for governor. But the anti-Washington wave swept them all away," Wayne Slater reports in The Dallas Morning News.

"Late Tuesday, she lost her bid to force Perry into runoff amid the whipsaw politics of a Tea Party movement able unable to knock off even a popular incumbent. ... In any other election season, Hutchison's experience and skill bringing federal money to Texas would have been selling points. But not this year."

(And who thinks Hutchison will make good on her promise to resign post-primary?)

Answering what's next for Perry: "I'm really interested in who's going to be the next president," Perry told Politico's Jonathan Martin Monday: "I have no interest in it being me in any form or fashion."

Writes Martin: "Gov. Rick Perry's 21-point thrashing of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in Tuesday's GOP gubernatorial primary offers the most vivid illustration yet of the potency of an anti-Washington message in an already volatile political environment."

The AP's Liz Sidoti: "Winners: Texas Gov. Rick Perry and 'tea party' anger. Losers: Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and anybody else tied to Washington."

The Democratic nod went to former Houston mayor Bill White: "White told supporters in Houston he expects Perry to try to 'perpetuate' himself with politics of division and distraction to avoid talking about Texas issues, such as high unemployment, state government growth and unfunded mandates for local governments," the Houston Chronicle's R.G. Ratcliffe reports.

Nathan Daschle, executive director of the Democratic Governors Association, in a memo looking toward the fall: "In a toxic climate for incumbents, former Houston Mayor Bill White will run as an outsider who can bring people together. ...The Democratic Governors Association is expanding the playing field deep into Republican territory in this election cycle."

In Arkansas -- suddenly the marquee matchup for Democratic intramurals: "In the 36 hours after Bill Halter announced he would challenge Sen. Blanche Lincoln in the Democratic primary, the Arkansas lieutenant governor was embraced by a coalition of progressive groups that raised more than \$1 million to support his campaign and are promising to spend millions more in independent expenditures on his behalf," Roll Call's John McArdle reports.

The New Republic's Noam Scheiber is the latest to profile White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. One telling sequence:

"Last summer, as public support for health care reform began to recede, the president convened a series of meetings demanding to know why Democrats were losing the communications war. For his part, Axelrod argued that the administration lacked a compelling bad guy, having cut deals and observed cease-fires with industry lobbies to help ease the bill through Congress. 'Axelrod would say, "We don't have an enemy. During the campaign, we fought against insurance companies. Now we don't have one,"' recalls one administration official. Emanuel would invariably counter that the deals were essential to holding the package together. Jeopardize the deals, and you risked jeopardizing the whole project."

"From the very beginning, Emanuel had a clean, elegant theory for how to guide a health care bill through Congress. He'd closely studied each previous failure from Harry Truman to Bill Clinton and concluded that time was their biggest enemy. Because remaking the health care system is such a complex task, it necessarily requires complex legislation. And there hasn't been a 1,000-page-plus bill in history that didn't start to stink after several months. It's just too easy for opponents to cull a few smelly details. So Emanuel placed a premium on speed...."

With the latest climate-change bill on its way, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., met with one of his nemeses: T. Boone Pickens, Politico's Kenneth P. Vogel reports. "In an effort to build support for the climate change legislation he's crafting with Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Kerry last month met quietly in his Washington office with the two lawmakers and T. Boone Pickens, the Texas oilman behind the Swift Boat attack ads that helped sink Kerry's 2004 presidential bid. The previously unreported session, which Kerry initiated, did not yield any concrete plans, but did find areas of agreement between the two former adversaries on the need for alternative energy sources."

"Don't ask, don't tell" repeal gets a bill: "Independent Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut on Wednesday will introduce the Senate's first 'don't ask, don't tell' repeal bill along with eleven Democratic cosponsors including Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, but no Republicans," Kerry Eleveld reports for The Advocate.

Meet the Spending Limit Amendment to the Constitution: "This amendment would limit spending to one-fifth of the economy (our historical spending average since World War II). The limit could only be waived by a declaration of war or by a two-thirds congressional vote," Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, and Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., write in a Wall Street Journal op-ed.

"As with other constitutional amendments, Congress would be given the authority to enforce and implement it. But for the first time, the federal government would have a limit on its size and scope. The Spending Limit Amendment does not promise a particular spending plan about what programs to restrain and by how much. Rather, it puts a legal constraint on lawmakers present and future."

The Kicker:

"For all the courage and testicular virility you think you have, if I did the things they said I did, and I did wrong things like they want you to believe I did, I'd be nowhere near this event." -- Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, D-Ill., lecturing on ethics in government at Northwestern University.

"I saw where it's been a few weeks of unfair, non-stop criticism, people who don't know the real story. And I just say, Jay, welcome to my world." -- Former Gov. Sarah Palin, R-Alaska, to Jay Leno, back on "The Tonight Show."

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### **John Kerry Meets With Former Enemy, T. Boone Pickens – CBS News' Political Hotsheet – 3/3/10**

By Brian Montopoli

Massachusetts Democratic Sen. John Kerry met last month with the man responsible for the critical "Swift Boat" ads that did significant damage to his 2004 presidential bid, Politico reports.

Kerry sat down with Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens in an apparent effort to get Pickens to support his efforts to pass climate change legislation. Kerry, working with Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, has recently moved away from a cap-and-trade approach and toward sector-by-sector carbon regulation.

Pickens has become a strong proponent of clean energy, spending money to advertise his "Pickens Plan," which includes a greater focus on wind energy and natural gas.

According to Politico, the meeting, which also included Graham and Lieberman, did not yield "concrete plans," but the men found areas in which they agree. The news outlet speculates that "the session just might have set the ball rolling for Pickens to spend millions of dollars supporting a potentially career defining bill sponsored by a former archenemy."

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## NOTABLE NATURAL GAS COVERAGE

### **Independents Converge on Washington as Natural Gas Advocates – *Oil & Gas Journal* – 3/2/10**

By Nick Snow

WASHINGTON, DC, Mar. 2 -- Independent producers converged on US Senate and House members' offices Mar. 2 to advocate for federal policies that encourage the development of natural gas.

"So much is at stake. This is a generational opportunity. More domestic natural gas development offers so many energy, environmental, and economic opportunities," said Marc W. Smith, the executive director of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States who brings several members east each spring.

"But there are proposals under consideration which would severely constrain the transition, especially administration recommendations to end what it considers oil and gas tax breaks and subsidies," he continued.

"Their logic and spin are wrong," added George H. Solich, president of IPAMS and of Cordillera Energy Partners in Greenwood Village, Colo. "These are cost-recovery mechanisms that are part of any business. It just happens that independent producers have to deal with intangibles. Taking them away would remove 40% of the capital being used to fund new domestic energy resource development."

IPAMS's member call-up this year was part of a bigger effort by the Independent Petroleum Association of America to bring producers to Washington for meetings with other members of Congress as well as their own representatives. "When taxes are increased, investment goes down and production drops," explained IPAA Chairman Bruce H. Vincent, who also is president of Swift Energy Co. in Houston.

'Shut in immediately'

"Natural gas clearly needs to be a part of any American energy solution and should be advocated," he told reporters during a Mar. 1 briefing at IPAA's headquarters. "If the government took away incentives such as percentage depletion, some of the nation's production would be shut in immediately."

IPAA and IPAMS members received materials outlining key issues to raise. They included environmental regulations, from greenhouse gas emissions to efforts to place hydraulic fracturing under federal controls; the White House's tax reform proposals; commodity regulation reforms; and access to federally managed resources.

The Obama administration is sending mixed signals, according to Vincent. "The president has expressed support for developing more natural gas and making tough decisions about oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf. But when I look at how the [US Department of the Interior] is implementing administration policies, I'm not convinced they're serious about developing more domestic energy resources," he said.

IPAA members were meeting with members of Congress not only from their own states, but others who had been identified (sometimes by producing states' members and staffs) as potential supporters of more aggressive gas development. "This could put pressure on [DOI]," Vincent said.

Smith said that 32 high-ranking political appointees in the Obama administration came from environmental organizations representing a broad range of views, which may be creating confusion. "I don't think it's unusual for policies in an administration's first couple of years to seem disjointed," he told OGJ on Mar. 2. "Within the environmental community, however, there's a strong effort to preserve more federal land as wilderness competing with efforts to address climate change and, implicitly, use more natural gas."

The biggest change for gas has been its movement from declining domestic supplies to an abundant resource in the last 36 months, Solich said. "During most of my career, I've had to work with just-in-time inventories. We can now say that we have more than 100 years of domestic supplies, and potentially 300 years in some parts of the world," he noted.

'Eye-opening experience'

"How we got here is important," said Solich. "We've been in a drilling boom the last decade that's been fueled by technology and prices. We find ourselves having spent massive amounts of capital to get this far and wondering [why] more of our economy doesn't want to use more gas. It's an eye-opening experience."

He said that gas's potential contribution now is dramatically different from the 1970s when energy policymakers considered it suitable only for heating homes and businesses, and looked more to coal to generate electricity. "We have an opportunity now to look again at the power generation mix, which is 44% coal and 24% gas, much of which is underutilized," Solich said. "We also are learning more about wind and solar power, which are intermittent, and which fuel works best to back them up without creating more greenhouse gases."

Continued federal efforts to control GHG emissions by putting a price on carbon dioxide or administratively imposing onerous limits could cause serious damage, Vincent warned. "Having an environment with fewer emissions is a goal we can all agree on," he said. "But [the US Environmental Protection Agency's] GHG endangerment finding bypasses the legislative process and relies on questionable data. My view is that Congress should decide major policy shifts, not a government agency."

He said capital markets have become more cautious in their outlook toward the domestic oil and gas industry since the 2008 election because so many questions about the administration's energy, environment, and economic strategy haven't been answered. The uncertainty also is hurting independents' operations, Smith and Solich told OGJ.

"Better technology not only lowers costs but also increases initial production. But you can't do it in a start-and-stop mode," said Solich. "If you put a rig and crew together, you'll build efficiencies as you continue to use them. They learn about a play's characteristics as they work it, but it has to be continuous."

"We've seen plays emerge in Utah over decades," said Smith. "But permits have dried up there now and companies are shipping crews elsewhere. Local officials realize that jobs are disappearing, which is why our groups include county commissioners from Utah and mayors from Wyoming. We could see a real grass-roots effort to get [DOI] to move ahead in the next few months."

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## **PRINT COVERAGE**

### **Future of Energy, Business Discussed in Goleta – *The Daily Sound* – 3/2/10**

By Ray Estrada

The federal energy czar and a host of top corporate officials plan to gather in Goleta this week to discuss the future of energy and business.

“ECO:nomics,” the third annual forum on the South Coast sponsored by editors of the Wall Street Journal, is scheduled Wednesday night, Thursday and Friday at the Bacara Resort.

Topics will focus on the effects of environmental issues on business leaders. The discussion will “go beyond short-term tactics to assess future prospects in the hottest areas, from the viability of new technologies to the outlook for fossil fuels to continuing policy uncertainty,” organizers said.

Panel topics include: “Renewables in the Recession;” “Investing in Innovation;” “Business Efforts to Address Climate Change;” “Green Marketing;” “Reducing Carbon Footprints;” “Financing Green Projects;” and “Doing Green Business in China and India.”

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu is scheduled to speak at 11 a.m. Friday on “Where Will the Administration Place Its Bets?”

Panelists include: Kevin Czinger, president and chief executive officer of CODA Automotive; Ann Marie Sastry, CEO of Sakti3; John M. Woolard, president and CEO of BrightSource Energy; and Gabriel Alonso, CEO of Horizon Wind Energy.

Other speakers and panelists include: Peter Voser, chief executive, Royal Dutch Shell; T. Boone Pickens, chairman of BP Capital Management; Peter Bradford, vice chairman of the Union of Concerned Scientists; Robert A. Iger, president and chief executive officer of the Walt Disney Co.; J. Craig Venter, CEO of Synthetic Genomics; John Doerr, partner with Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers; Vinod Khosla, managing partner with Khosla Ventures; Paul Holland, general partner with Foundation Capital; John W. Baumstark, chairman and CEO of Suniva; Cree Edwards, chairman and CEO of eMeter; and Ron Gonen, CEO of RecycleBank.

Last year, speakers included Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Alan Mulally, president and CEO of Ford Motor Co., and Peter Darbee, chairman, president and CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric.

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## **BLOG/ONLINE COVERAGE**

### **Kerry's Confident Climate Change Bill Momentum Is Heating Up – *Talking Points Memo* – 3/3/10**

By Christina Bellantoni

Sen. John Kerry today is meeting with the Senate committee chairmen to outline the bipartisan climate change legislation that is taking shape privately on Capitol Hill.

For months Kerry has been huddling with Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) with backing from the White House and President Obama's Green Cabinet to come up with a bill that passes political muster. Political aides and Kerry declined to give a firm timeline or say whether something could actually get done in midterm election year, but Kerry told reporters Tuesday he feels "very positive" that the details his bipartisan trio is working through could become a specific proposal soon.

"I feel much more confident that we, all the three of us, and others who are engaged in this, have a clear sense of direction. What we're doing now is working through the details," Kerry said. "It's a puzzle, you have to fit all the pieces together."

But offering a bit of a hint, a White House aide told TPMDC that Obama believes setting a price on carbon is the most effective way to "transition to a clean energy economy," one of the key goals of the bipartisan group.

The aide said Obama supports Kerry, Lieberman and Graham. "He believes that comprehensive legislation should create incentives to invest in clean energy and create millions of American jobs," the aide said.

On Tuesday Kerry declined to give specific details about the legislation they are forming but said he's meeting with key environmental groups in Washington and working with lawmakers to build support before the draft bill even surfaces.

"We are trying to get this done as rapidly as possible. We really are trying to finish this," Kerry said.

In related news, Politico reports that Kerry recently met with T. Boone Pickens about climate change. Pickens was a major funder of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth group which contributed to damaging Kerry during the 2004 presidential election.

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### **V-Vehicle Misses Deadline, Loses Shot at \$87M? – *Earth2Tech* – 3/2/10**

By Jeff St. John

That looming March 1 deadline for V-Vehicle to raise \$350 million — the amount that the T. Boone Pickens and Kleiner Perkins-backed startup needed in order to release the bulk of an incentive package put together by state and local authorities in Monroe, La., (or else request an extension) — has passed. According to reports in the Times-Picayune and The Car Connection, V-Vehicle was not able to put together the \$350 million and thus has forfeited \$87 million in cash and incentives from Louisiana for the company's planned plant in Monroe.

V-Vehicle boosters, however, maintain that it's not out of the running for \$65 million in state grants and \$15 million in local incentives just yet. U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander (R – LA) said Tuesday that he'll press the Department of Energy to keep V-Vehicle's \$320 million application for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program, the Monroe News-Star reported.

That loan, plus the \$90-\$100 million the startup is believed to have raised in investment, would put it over the mark needed to secure local and state financing, the Times-Picayune reported. If that happens, the state could possibly amend its contract with V-Vehicle to extend its deadline, Stephen Moret, the state's economic development secretary, told the newspaper.

Still, missing the deadline isn't good news for the would-be high-efficiency gasoline-powered car startup. And if the company doesn't raise the matching funds, it will be mighty embarrassing to have to repay the \$6.2 million of the state incentive package that's already been spent.

Founded in 2006 by former Oracle exec Frank Varasano, V-Vehicle emerged from stealth in June of last year with grand, if rather unclear, promises to revolutionize the auto industry. Besides Kleiner and Pickens, Google Ventures has also backed the company, according to a regulatory filing. The company hasn't officially said much about its technology, design, financing and commercialization plans — though it has made a lot of noise about the 1,400 or so jobs it expects its factory to create if it's built.

Of course, other automaker startups have seen setbacks in the massive financing needed to build factories to make cars, only to pull it out in the clutch, so to speak — just look at Tesla Motors. At least for now, the definition of the term "deadline" might be flexible for V-Vehicle. No doubt its backers in Silicon Valley, Louisiana and Texas are hoping that's the case.

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### **Pros Place Bets on Wind Stocks in 2010, Pickens Not Among Them – *Ticker Spy* – 3/3/10**

By Owen Vater

Ever since T. Boone Pickens announced his "Pickens' Plan" back in 2008, we've been waiting for some wind stocks to break into his top holdings, but given his recent shift towards natural gas, it's no surprise it didn't happen in Q4.

Earlier this year we covered the continued shift of Pickens' Plan away from wind energy when the Texas billionaire slashed his order for General Electric (GE) turbines more than in half. Given that he's been paring emphasis on wind, and focusing more on the natural gas portion of his plan, we're not surprised that no wind energy stocks broke into Pickens' top-15 U.S.-listed equity holdings as represented by his hedge fund's fourth-quarter regulatory filings. Meanwhile, however, a number of other funds and advisors were placing their bets on wind stocks, and a new favorite was crowned in Q4.

As a whole, the Wind Energy Stocks Index is lagging the S&P 500 by -1.5% over the last month. The somewhat volatile sector is trading at similar levels to various points in the fourth quarter, when Pros were placing their final bets on the sector ahead of the New Year.

American Superconductor (AMSC) is the Index's new Pro favorite, with ten hedge funds, mutual funds, and advisors counting it among their top-15 positions at the end of 2009. Meanwhile, Owens Corning (OC) also had ten Pro holders, but a look at the stock's Spy page shows that some of the top Pros were taking money off the table during Q4.

Elsewhere in the wind energy segment, Quanta Services (PWR), MasTec (MTZ), and Trinity Industries (TRN) all had six or more Pro holders at the end of 2009. Meanwhile, a pair of Pros bumped Chinese player A-Power Energy Generation Systems (APWR) into their top-15 holdings as of the most recent SEC filings.

For more on these Wind Energy Stocks Index components, and the Pros that are invested in them, visit [tickerspy.com](http://tickerspy.com), where members can view a performance chart of the Index's combined performance as well as the top holdings of nearly 3,000 Pro investors.

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## BROADCAST COVERAGE

### 1. Mad Money (Rebroadcast)

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03/02/2010, 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM

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**Speakers:** Jim Hackett, Anadarko Chairman and CEO;

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