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T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 12.16.09

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Coverage Summary:

Green Energy News picked up this week's press release on November oil import numbers.

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- **Pickens Plan: U.S. Paid Over \$26 Billion for Oil in November** – *Green Energy News* – 12/15/09

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HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

Pickens Plan: U.S. Paid Over \$26 Billion for Oil in November – *Green Energy News* – 12/15/09

In his twelfth consecutive monthly update on the level of foreign oil imports in the U.S., energy expert T. Boone Pickens said that based on the latest figures from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA), the U.S. imported 61% percent of its oil, or 339 million barrels in November 2009, sending approximately \$26.4 billion, or \$ 591,477 per minute, overseas to foreign governments.

"We're almost finished with 2009, and we really haven't made any progress in reducing our dependence on foreign oil," said Pickens. "Failure to address this issue threatens our national and economic security, and that's unacceptable. We have an alternative resource in natural gas that is right here in our own soil and with abundant supply to last more than 100 years. But, while we can be frustrated at our failure to reduce our dependence on foreign oil in 2009, we can be hopeful that we are closer to passing a bill in Congress that will incentivize us to use natural gas in transportation in early 2010, which will allow America to recapture control of its energy policy. We urge the leadership in Washington to get The NAT GAS Act passed and to make progress on reducing foreign oil dependence once and for all."

Pickens continued, "The International Energy Agency said Friday that world demand for oil will increase in 2010 as economies recover. As demand goes up, so does the price, which means we'll be sending even more American dollars overseas if we don't act to get on our own resources immediately."

Since January 2009, the U.S. has imported more than 4 billion barrels of oil. A study released in June by the Potential Gas Committee, a group of academics and industry specialists supported by the Colorado School of Mines, estimates that we have more than 2,000 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves, the only available source that could immediately replace foreign oil as a transportation fuel.

The Pickens Plan is a detailed solution for ending the United States' growing dependence on foreign oil. Last year, when oil prices reached \$140/barrel, America was spending about \$700 billion for foreign oil, equaling the greatest transfer of wealth in human history. That figure has decreased some while oil prices have retreated, but the U.S. is still dependent on foreign nations for nearly 70 percent of its oil, representing a continuing national security and national economic threat. The plan calls for expanding the use of domestic renewable resources, such as wind and solar, in power generation and using our abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing more than one-third of our imported oil. (12/13/09)

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PRINT COVERAGE

Few Legislators Opt for Travel While State Facing Unprecedented Shortfall – *Huntsville Times* – 12/16/09

By Bob Lowry

MONTGOMERY, AL - Facing unprecedented budget deficits, most Alabama legislators opted out of state-paid trips to conferences in Colorado Springs, Colo., and San Diego last weekend.

Of the Legislature's 140 members, only 18 members attended the National Conference of State Legislatures' Fall Forum Dec. 9-13 in San Diego and The Energy Council's 2009 Global Energy and Environmental Issues Conference on Dec. 10-13 in Colorado Springs.

No House or Senate staff member attended either conference.

That was in sharp contrast to a year ago when more than a third of lawmakers attended conferences in Oklahoma City and New Orleans.

House Speaker Seth Hammett said he asked members in a memo earlier this year to "strongly consider" the condition of the state budgets before requesting state-paid travel.

"House members have responded positively and cut back on travel," he said. "Even in tough budget times, some travel is necessary to carry out members' roles on national committees and task forces."

Hammett said he would continue to ask House members to travel only when necessary and "to keep expenses at a bare minimum."

Chip Hill, spokesman for Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom, said it's up to individual senators as to what conferences they attend, though Folsom must sign off on the trips.

Hill said no senators attended the NCSL event in San Diego.

Only three senators, Kim Benefield, D-Woodland; Vivian Davis, D-Mobile; and Wendell Mitchell, D-Luverne, attended the energy conference in Colorado.

On the House side, spokesman Jeff Woodard said Reps. Todd Greeson, R-Ider; Earl Hilliard Jr., D-Birmingham; Thomas Jackson, D-Thomasville; Richard Lindsey, D-Centre; and Rep. Elwyn Thomas, R-Oneonta, were approved to attend the NCSL in San Diego.

Approved for the energy meeting in Colorado from the House were Blaine Galliher, R-Gadsden; Mike Hill, R-Columbiana; Richard Laird, D-Roanoke; Jimmy Martin, D-Clanton; Johnny Mack Morrow, D-Red Bay; Butch Taylor, D-New Hope; William Thigpen, D-Fayette; Cam Ward, R-Alabaster; and Hammett.

Woodard said Hammett attended the meeting as director of economic development for Power South Energy Co-Op of Andalusia and would not seek reimbursement from the state.

Taylor said it was the first trip he has made since being elected to the House in 2007, but that he would not seek reimbursement from the state.

One of the reasons he attended the conference, he said, was because Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens was one of the speakers.

"I thought it would be informative with the things going on in the state of Alabama economy and energy," said Taylor. "This was the only one (conference) I've been to in two years."

Sen. Tom Butler, D-Madison, said he decided against the trips for personal and business reasons.

Rep. Mike Ball, R-Madison, said he normally doesn't attend the conferences because he can usually peruse their Web sites and pick up a lot of information.

"It's nothing against folks who do go, but I also work for a living," he said. "I just don't feel like with the budget constraints we have this time, with the potential for the layoff of state employees, we need to make do with what we've got."

The House Accounting Office say out-of-state trips for lawmakers usually cost from \$1,000 to up to \$2,300 each, depending on accommodations and whether they fly, drive or share a car.

Lawmakers file for reimbursement after they return, but the trips generally cost about \$2,000 per person.

'Green Christmas' Host has Area Roots – Worcester Telegram & Gazette – 12/16/09

By Karen Nugent TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF

Bolton native Alex Paen, a television host who has received several Emmy nominations for his syndicated animal rescue show, will host "It's a Green Christmas," an hour-long holiday special about environmentally friendly holiday products and stories.

The program, to feature several Hollywood celebrities, will air locally on WCVB-TV Channel 5 at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. Guests will include two-time Emmy Award winning actor Bryan Cranston, from "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Breaking Bad," and energy expert T. Boone Pickens.

Mr. Paen, a 1971 graduate of the Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton who earlier attended Holy Rosary Elementary School in Clinton, and the Emerson School in Bolton, will discuss, among other "green" products, toys from Green Toys Inc., clothing and items made from alpaca fleece; and "Clean the World" a program to help the needy through recycled hotel soap.

A former foreign correspondent for ABC, Mr. Paen currently hosts three nationally-syndicated weekly shows, including "Animal Rescue," "Missing," and "Dog Tales."

Mr. Paen, who lives in California, graduated from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. He began his journalism career in radio in 1975, and moved to television news in 1980. He hosted his first television series, "Emergency with Alex Paen" in 1994.

"Animal Rescue" now in its 12th season, is about people who save animals all over the world. Episodes have chronicled helping an injured sparrow in Oklahoma City, dolphin rescue, and helping large, exotic animals left homeless after the 2005 tsunamis in East Asia.

"Missing" is a reaty series about missing children and adults.

"Dog Tales" is about dogs and their owners.

All three shows are produced by Santa Monica-based Telco Communications.

BROADCAST COVERAGE

1. Market Call

Business News Network (---) National Canada
12/15/2009 12:30 PM - 01:30 PM

[CC] 00:35:33 (guest is David Baskin)...Hi, Connie. Caller: thanks very much for taking my call. Howard: you're welcome. Caller: I'd like to know how he feels about N.A.L. **Oil** and **Gas** Trust. It seems to be having a good day today. Well, everything that's got **gas** in the name is having a good week, I'll tell you. Exxon made this huge purchase of a **gas** company, making really the first major company --Putting its money down on big **gas** for a while. And that's really encouraged people to believe the **gas** story again. Everybody's heard the negatives about **gas**. I'm as guilty as anybody, I guess. Huge amount of **gas** in huge production inventory. Increase coming from unconventional sources. So it's driven down the price of **gas**, and all the **gassy** names have been depressed. So all of a sudden Exxon is putting tens every billions of dollars on the line for **gas**, and people are saying maybe these assets are undervalued. Howard: people like **Boone Pickens** want to see a lot of vehicles and so forth converted to **natural gas**. Is that the kind of thing that could ultimately make for a buoyant **natural gas** future? You know, there's a lot of **natural gas**. Clearly what we've learned in the last two years is that there's much more **natural gas** in North America than we ever thought and to the extent that the north American economy could convert itself from an **oil** economy to a **gas** economy, obviously it would be good on any number of fronts...
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2. Stars & Dogs

Business News Network (---) National Canada
12/15/2009 08:30 PM - 09:00 PM

[CC] 00:05:39 (guest is David Baskin)...**Oil** and **gas** trust. It seems to be having a good day today. Well, everything that's got **gas** in the name is having a good week, I'll tell you. Exxon made this huge purchase of a **gas** company, making really the first major company --Putting its money down on big **gas** for a while. And that's really encouraged people to believe the **gas** story again. Everybody's heard the negatives about **gas**. I'm as guilty as anybody, I guess. Huge amount of **gas** in inventory. Huge production increase coming from unconventional sources. So it's driven down the price of **gas**, and all the **gassy** names have been depressed. So all of a sudden Exxon is putting tens of billions of dollars on the line for **gas**, and people are saying maybe these assets are undervalued. Howard: people like **Boone Pickens** want to see a lot of vehicles and so forth converted to **natural gas**. Is that the kind of thing that could ultimately make for a buoyant **natural gas** future? You know, there's a lot of **natural gas**. Clearly what we've learned in the last two years is that there's much more **natural gas** in North America than we ever thought. And to the extent that the North American economy could convert itself from an **oil** economy to a **gas** economy, obviously it would be good on any number of fronts, including less reliance on unstable regions of the world and keeping all that money at home. **Natural gas fueled** cars had a run for a while, never really caught on in the retail or consumer sector. There were some taxis and delivery vehicles and so forth. And really it's a question of rolling that technology out in some way that makes it feasible. 00:07:24