

**COMMITTEE: AGRICULTURE & ENERGY**

**POLICY: SUPPORTING HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL-DELEGATED 10-02 AREA OF THE COASTAL PLAIN OF ANWR AS PART OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY**

**TYPE: DEBATE**

The oil and natural gas industry is central to the security and future of the United States; NCSL supports conservation and use of alternative fuels, but additionally believes that for the foreseeable future increased domestic oil production is essential to meet the nation's energy requirements. Increasing domestic energy production while at the same time reducing dependence on foreign supplies are the best way to meet our strategic and economic well-being.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) supports hydrocarbon exploration and development in the Congressional-designated 10-02 Area of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR) as part of our national energy policy.