



Top 10 Reasons to Oppose Reconciliation

Natural Resources Committee Democrats' plans for budget reconciliation instructions are at best a partisan government overreach and at worst a means to hamstring the economy, cripple domestic energy production, and make the U.S. dependent on foreign adversaries. Committee Republicans stand united in strong opposition to the package.

1.) STAGGERING \$31.7 BILLION price tag

- The topline dollar amount contained just in HNR's portion of the package – a whopping \$31.7 billion – is greater than the budgets of 27 U.S. states.

2.) SLUSH FUND for Pelosi's pet projects

- This includes \$200 million in a taxpayer-funded payout to Speaker Pelosi's district, \$11.9 billion to Blue New Deal mapping, and \$25 million each for endangered or threatened plants in Hawaii and Insular Areas, butterflies in the United States, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest.

3.) RESURRECTS the CCC while Main Street can't find employees

- During a time when U.S. employers can't get people back into the workforce, this reconciliation bill provides \$3.5 billion for a Civilian Climate Corps (CCC), a new version of a 1930s workforce. There's no reason to funnel money toward a program like this when many American industries are already struggling to find work.

4.) INCREASES U.S. DEPENDENCE on foreign adversaries

- This bill impedes and bans domestic energy and mineral production, increasing our dependencies on resources supplied by OPEC, Russia, and China.

5.) CODIFIES domestic mineral withdrawals

- These will halt efforts to develop copper and other minerals necessary for renewable energy and battery storage.

6.) SHIFTS FOCUS to all the WRONG proposals

- Despite the staggering price tag, this proposal neglects some of the most important issues facing the U.S. There are no allocated funds to reform the Endangered Species Act, no new forest management tools, and no funds to mitigate or repair the degradation of sensitive environments caused by illegal immigration.

7.) ARBITRARILY IMPOSES drilling moratoriums

- These will increase fees and royalties on onshore and offshore oil and gas production, raising the cost of domestic production, threatening long-term energy security, and potentially putting more Americans out of work.

8.) LACKS LONG-TERM PLANS to mitigate catastrophic drought

- Zero dollars are allocated to water storage programs, which are critical to infrastructure in the West.

9.) IGNORES wildfires raging across the U.S.

- Critical forestry projects are currently being delayed or cancelled due to a combination of analysis paralysis, bureaucratic red tape, and frivolous litigation. Without addressing these vital issues, the reconciliation bill will do little to nothing to improve nationwide forest health.

10.) NEGLECTS CRISES currently facing our country

- During a time when Congress should be focusing on getting Americans safely out of Afghanistan, securing our southern border, providing hurricane and wildfire relief, and much more, committee Democrats are instead wasting time on partisan wish lists.