



Roscoe Bartlett talks to Bush

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Yesterday, Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) [met with George Bush](#). He declines to say what he talked about on his website, but given the way that press release goes, I'm going to hope it was about oil and related issues.

There are a number of quotes in this press release about Peak Oil and the need to develop new energy sources. It's not entirely clear where they come from, but I think it was his speech at one of 6 [Energy 2050 Policy Briefings](#).

I've noticed before that Bartlett has a very folksy way of speaking that he uses to deliver his sucker punches. Here's a (toned down) example. (You should read his [full speech](#) to Congress to get a real taste of his style.)

"The United States is the most efficient and productive country in the world. We do lead the world. We cut our use of energy per \$1 of GDP by 50 percent since the early 70's. That's really good. However, with only 2 percent of reserves and 8 percent of production, we're depleting our reserves four times faster than the rest of the world."

"American needs a national energy policy and a program on a scale of the Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb during World War II to prevent or mitigate the consequences of global peak oil. To avoid a really bumpy ride, what we need to do is dramatically reduce our consumption. The cheapest oil is oil we don't use. Second, we need to invest in greater energy efficiency. Third, we have to invest our limited resources of time and current energy sources to make rapid advances in the development of alternative, renewable sources of energy."

I only hope that this style is effective.

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