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Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), right now speaking in front of Congress on C-SPAN, just informed us that "the elves, or God, or whatever, are not refilling the wells with oil."

Some live blogging (there are probably typos; the whole transcript can be found by following stepback's instructions in the comments):

- He just mentioned [Matt Savinar](#).
- Oh! And "just like the cocaine addict, we are addicted to this energy!"
- BTW, Bartlett is down on biofuels. He "recently read an article by some scientists at Stanford and Berkeley" that bioethanol takes more energy to produce than it provides. He is also saying that hydrogen is also too energy intensive to produce to make it worthwhile. "It is no solution to our energy crisis."
- When noting that Europeans use about half the amount of energy that Americans do, Bartlett says we'd be hardpressed to argue that their lifestyles aren't as good as ours. "I see as many smiles on their faces as I see on American's faces," he remarks.
- "You're almost literally eating oil, Mr. Speaker, when you eat that food on your plate!"
- "I want to make the point that we're not running out of oil. Half of the oil that was ever there is still there. But we're not going to be able to use it at the quantities we're used to."
- "Matt Savinar may be correct, Mr. Speaker, when he says that life as we know it may be coming to an end, soon....I urge you to go read him."



(This post is gratuitous, but if you're new to this site, take this as an opportunity to [read up](#) on Roscoe Bartlett's efforts to educate Congress.)



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