

Today, Rep. Rush Holt joined 29 other Members of Congress in writing to Speaker of the House John Boehner to request that he schedule an up-or-down vote on legislation that would save American taxpayers \$40 billion over the next 5 years by ending tax breaks to big oil companies. Over the last several days, BP, Royal Dutch Shell, and ExxonMobil reported profits of \$5.5 billion, \$6.3 billion, and \$10.7 billion for the first quarter of 2011. On Wednesday, the Energy Information Administration reported that the average retail price of gasoline in the U.S. increased for the fifth week in a row to \$3.88 per gallon. The full text of the letter can be found [here](#)