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Advocate takes temperatures on climate

Submitted by bnoilet on October 6, 2009 - 5:06pm.

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A week after major climate change legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate, conservation advocates from North Carolina visited Capitol Hill today to gauge the views of Sens. [Richard Burr](#) and [Kay Hagan](#).

Carrie Clark, executive director of the [Conservation Council of North Carolina](#), said she found meetings in both offices "positive," and that both senators are interested in tackling the issue, Barb Barrett reports.

"From Senator Burr we were happy to hear that he sees climate change as a problem and is working hard, and he thinks we need immediate action to avert the impacts that North Carolina is likely to face," Clark said in an interview.

Clark met with staff members in the office of Burr, a Winston-Salem Republican. She was told Burr wants to make sure that legislation doesn't bring too many negative impacts to residential and commercial energy consumers, and that he wants to see jobs coming into the state.

In another meeting, Hagan, a Greensboro Democrat, told Clark she has concerns about the legislation's costs, but that she's interested in finding a solution on climate change.

"She totally gets it, and we worked with her when she was a state senator, too," Clark said.

The bill, introduced last week by Sens. [John Kerry](#) of Massachusetts and [Barbara Boxer](#) of California, would force the U.S. to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by 2020, and by 80 percent by 2050.

The House narrowly passed its own climate change legislation this summer. While in Washington today, Clark said she also stopped by the office of U.S. Rep. [Heath Shuler](#), a Waynesville Democrat, to thank him for his vote on the House bill.

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Re: Advocate takes temperatures on climate

Submitted by ishley on October 7, 2009 - 12:01pm.

Wind power is absolutely not a joke, Paul. It is a sustainable domestic source of energy production that is almost cost-efficient now. It will play a vital role as an energy source in the near future. Parts of NC have good wind, and we should prepare ourselves to take advantage of this fact.

Being in favor of nuclear power doesn't really have anything to do with being against wind power. You don't have to call wind power "a big joke" in order to present a strong case for nuclear power. In fact, doing so makes you sound ignorant and detracts from the point



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Re: Advocate takes temperatures on climate

Submitted by PaulTerrell on October 6, 2009 - 8:12pm.

Wind power is a big joke in that it will cost a whole lot more than they are telling us. And nuclear is the cleanest energy overall and most conservationists would rather have coal energy I guess.

We currently have a well run federal and state run program. There are still issues with some super fund cleanup sites being stopped by Kerry and other northeast Democrats. And we have to rely heavily on coal until we get off our butts and put in more nuclear. Wind power just cannot cut it.

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