



Washington, DC—On Wednesday, Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY), a Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water, addressed attendees of the US-India Renewable Energy Summit hosted by the U.S. India Business Alliance. Israel discussed his legislation, the U.S.-India Energy Security Cooperation Act of 2007 and introduced Andy Karsner, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Energy for Renewable Energy and Efficiency.

“The United States and India both have growing appetites for oil that will only continue to increase in the next 10 to 15 years unless we act now,” said Congressman Israel. “The US-India Energy Cooperation Act of 2007 recognizes it is in the best interest of both countries to cooperate and address common energy challenges, to ensure future global energy security and to increase the world-wide availability of clean energy.”

Israel introduced the United States-India Energy Security Cooperation Act of 2007 (H.R.1186) with Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC) on February 16. The legislation strengthens cooperation between India and U.S. to address energy challenge and future global energy security. It also authorizes the President to establish programs to support greater energy cooperation between the U.S. and India on programs relating to: (1) clean coal and emission reduction technologies and carbon sequestration projects; (2) alternative fuel sources, such as ethanol, bio-mass, coal-based fuels, and hydrogen; (3) energy efficiency projects; (4) commercially available technologies that promote clean and efficient energy use in India; and (5) technical assistance in support of India's development of a strategic oil reserve.