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### **HACKWORTH APPOINTED TO SERVE ON TWO ENERGY COMMITTEES** *Committees designed to study alternative energy proposals for state government*

Nashville – On Tuesday, **State Representative Jim Hackworth** (D-Clinton) announced his appointment to **Governor Phil Bredesen’s Energy Task Force Residential Energy Work Group** as well as the **Advisory Council on Energy with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)**.

“It is an honor to have the opportunity to work on both these important committees,” said Hackworth. “Oak Ridge has been a leader when it comes to alternative energy and I look forward to doing my part to help break our addiction to fossil fuels.”

Governor Bredesen’s Energy Task Force was created earlier this year with the goal of studying and recommending alternative energy practices for the state of Tennessee. After meeting and researching potential alternatives to current energy production, the task force will present a list of recommendations including possible legislation.

“What we need is forward thinking and a diligent pursuit of better, cleaner energy,” said Hackworth.

The NCSL Advisory Council on Energy holds regular meetings among legislators from across the country to discuss science-policy efforts and new ideas coming out of the difference states. The next ACE Meeting is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, December 10-12, in Atlanta during the NCSL Fall Forum.

“To live better tomorrow, we must first learn from today,” said Hackworth. “Through the combined efforts of local, state and federal leaders, our country can truly begin to live with energy independence, and do it in a way that protects our fragile environment.”

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