

Speaker Biographies
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SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD

U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman and founding member of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, is a Colorado veterinarian. Senator Allard is committed to cutting taxes, returning power and responsibility to state and local governments and assuring the security of America both at home and abroad, as well as restoring economic prosperity. A former state legislator, Allard served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District from 1991 to 1996, when he was elected to the United States Senate. Senator Allard is currently a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, chairing the Strategic Forces Subcommittee and a member on the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities. He is also a member of the Senate Budget Committee and Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, where he is the Chairman of the Housing and Transportation Subcommittee.

ROGER BALLENTINE

Mr. Ballentine is President of Green Strategies, Inc., an energy and environmental consulting firm. Mr. Ballentine previously served President Clinton as Chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force and Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Initiatives. Under the Clinton Administration, Mr. Ballentine ran the Office of Environmental Initiatives and served as Chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force. Prior to coming to the White House, he was a partner at the Washington law firm of Patton, Boggs L.L.P., and Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He serves on the boards of the Solar Electric Light Fund, Keystone Energy, and the American Bird Conservancy.

ROBERT DINNEEN

Mr. Dinneen is the President and CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), the national trade association for the U.S. ethanol industry. As such, he is the ethanol industry's lead lobbyist before the Congress and Administration. Mr. Dinneen has presented testimony before the Congress and Federal agencies on numerous occasions, and represented the ethanol industry's interests at state, national and international forums.

MICHAEL T. ECKHART

Mr. Eckhart, President of ACORE, is also President of Solar International Management, Inc. (SIM) and sponsor of the SolarBank Program. He has over 25 years of experience in energy, power generation, high technology, and renewable energy, and is widely recognized for his recent work in the financing of solar energy in the U.S., Europe, Japan, India, and Africa. He has held management positions as the CEO of United Power Systems, Inc., Vice President of Arete Ventures, Inc., Manager of strategic planning for the Power Systems Sector of the General Electric Company, and Principal of Booz, Allen

& Hamilton, Inc.. Mr. Eckhart is a member of the Chairmen's Committee of the World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE).

CHRISTOPHER FLAVIN

Mr. Flavin is President of the Worldwatch Institute and serves on its Board of Directors. Known for his extensive writing on energy strategies and policies, Mr. Flavin participated in the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and the Climate Change Conference in Kyoto, Japan in 1997. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Board on Energy and Environmental Systems.

FRANK GAFFNEY, JR.

Mr. Gaffney is currently the President and CEO of the Center for Security Policy. He formerly acted as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy during the Reagan Administration, following four years of service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Forces and Arms Control Policy. Previously, he was a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee under the chairmanship of the late Senator John Tower, and a national security legislative aide to the late Senator Henry M. Jackson.

JOHN GEESMAN

Mr. Geesman is the presiding member of the California Energy Commission's renewables committee. He was appointed to the Commission in July, 2002 after a 19-year career as an investment banker specializing in the debt markets. He served as the Energy Commission's Executive Director while Jerry Brown was Governor of California, and as Chairman of the California Power Exchange during the governorships of Pete Wilson and Gray Davis.

HANK HABICHT

Mr. Habicht is Commissioner of the National Commission on Energy Policy and a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations. He led the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1983-1987, and served as Deputy Administrator of the EPA from 1989-1993. Mr. Habicht also served as CEO of the Global Environment and Technology Foundation (GETF).

JAY HAKES

Jay Hakes has served as Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum since June of 2000. An alumnus of Carter administration, Hakes spent most of his time there as an assistant to Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus. During most of the 1990's, Hakes headed the Energy Information Administration at the U.S. Department of Energy. He continues to speak on contemporary energy issues and the modern presidency and is combining both interests in current research on the formation of energy policy during the Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan administrations. Formerly a professor of political science at the University of New Orleans, he holds a Ph.D. from Duke University.

BILL HOLMBERG

Mr. Holmberg, currently Chairman of the New Uses Council, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and has advanced degrees in Personnel Management, Soviet Affairs, Russian Language, and Advanced Integrated Amphibious Operations. He was medically retired as a Marine Officer and later retired from the government (EPA and DOE) as a member of the Senior Executive Service. For the past 30 years he has headed small businesses and managed organizations committed to organic farming, energy efficiency and renewable energy with a focus on bio-refineries.

JONATHAN LASH

President of the World Resources Institute since 1993, Mr. Lash has spent the past 25 years working to develop and implement creative solutions to environmental problems as an advocate, a public official, a teacher, and a writer. In 1993 President Clinton named Mr. Lash Co-Chairman of the President's Council on Sustainable Development, a group of business, labor, environmental, civil rights and government leaders who proposed visionary national strategies for sustainable development for the United States. A former Secretary of Natural Resources for the State of Vermont, Peace Corps volunteer, Federal Prosecutor, and law professor, he serves on the Boards of the Institute for Sustainable Communities, Population Action International, and the Wallace Global Fund.

AMORY LOVINS

Mr. Lovins is cofounder and CEO of Rocky Mountain Institute and Chairman of Hypercar, Inc. He advises industries and governments worldwide on energy, resources, environment, development, and security. Mr. Lovins has published 28 books and hundreds of papers, and received eight honorary doctorates, the "Alternative Nobel," Onassis, Nissan, Shingo, and Mitchell Prizes, a MacArthur Fellowship, the Happold Medal, and the Heinz, Lindbergh, World Technology, and "Hero for the Planet" Awards.

VICE ADMIRAL DENNIS McGINN, USN, RETIRED

Admiral McGinn is Vice President for Strategic Planning at the Battelle Memorial Institute. Prior to joining Battelle, he served in the United States Navy for over 35 years in a broad range of operational, staff and command billets as a naval aviator, test pilot and national security strategist. He commanded the US Third Fleet and was Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Warfare, assignments in which he served as the Navy's executive agent for technology experimentation and rapid prototyping. Admiral McGinn is a member of the board of directors of Brookhaven Science Associates and is Senior Fellow for International Security at the Rocky Mountain Institute.

ROBERT C. (BUD) McFARLANE

Mr. McFarlane is Founder of Global Energy Investors (GEI) and chairman of Energy & Communications Solutions, LLC, which focuses on the development of energy and communications infrastructure projects in emerging markets. Prior to founding GEI, Mr. McFarlane was National Security Advisor to President Reagan and served as Counselor to the Department of State. Mr. McFarlane is a co-founder and Vice Chair of the

America-China Society, serves on the board of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and the White House Fellows' Foundation.

LEWIS MILFORD

Mr. Milford is a lawyer and President of Clean Energy Group, a non-profit organization he founded in 1998, with a mission to increase the use of cleaner energy technologies in the U.S. and abroad. CEG now manages the Clean Energy States Alliance, a nonprofit organization assisting 17 state clean energy funds in 12 states, as well as the Public Fuel Cell Alliance (PFCA), a new consortium of public fuel cell and hydrogen technology funders. Prior to founding CEG, Mr. Milford was Vice President of Conservation Law Foundation, New England's leading environmental organization, as well as the Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York on the Love Canal hazardous waste case. He has a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers College.

ROBERT PRATT

Mr. Pratt is the Director of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust. He brings extensive private sector development experience to these roles from his work as Chairman, CEO and Founder of Energía Global International, Ltd., the largest renewable energy company in Central America. Most recently he has served as President and Founder of New Ventures Enterprises, Inc., a renewable energy consulting firm based in Massachusetts.

DAN W. REICHER

Mr. Reicher, is Executive Vice President of Northern Power Systems and is a managing partner of New Energy Capital. From 1997-2001 he served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Energy. Prior to that, Mr. Reicher was a senior attorney with the NRDC and served as an adjunct professor at Yale University and Vermont Law School. He is a board member of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, and a board of advisors member at Dartmouth's Rockefeller Center.

PHILIP SHARP

Mr. Sharp is currently the Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University. From 1995 to 2001 he served on the Kennedy School of Government faculty as a Lecturer in Public Policy, teaching courses including "To Be A Politician", and "Introducing Competition Into The Electric Utility Industry". Mr. Sharp served as a Member of Congress from Indiana from 1975 to 1995. As a member of two major committees, Energy and Commerce, and the Interior, Sharp specialized in energy policy. He was a key leader in the passage of the Energy and Policy Act of 1992 - the last comprehensive energy bill to pass the Congress and the most sweeping energy legislation since the 1970's.

HERMANN SCHEER

Mr. Scheer has been a member of the German Parliament since 1980, and a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since 1987. He is also Chairman of the World Council for Renewable Energies and President of the European Association for Renewable Energies EUROSOLAR. He has authored numerous articles and books, and is a recent recipient of the Alternative Nobel Prize, the World Solar Prize and the World Prize on Bio-Energy. In 2002 he was named Hero for the Green Century by TIME Magazine.

RICHARD H. TRULY

Mr. Truly is Director of the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) as well as the Executive Vice President of the Midwest Research Institute (MRI). Prior to joining NREL, Mr. Truly was Vice President of the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) from 1992 to -1997. Mr. Truly also served as NASA's eighth Administrator under President Bush from 1989 to 1992 capping a 35 year his career in aviation and space programs of the U.S. Navy and NASA, including roles as a naval aviator, test pilot and astronaut.

R. JAMES WOOLSEY

Mr. Woolsey is a Vice President of Booz Allen Hamilton, and a principal in Paladin Capital Group's Homeland Security Fund. Mr. Woolsey is Chairman of Freedom House and the Advisory boards of the Clean Fuels Foundation and the New Uses Council, and a member of the National Commission on Energy Policy. Mr. Woolsey previously practiced law for 22 years in Washington, DC and served for 12 years in the US Government, most recently as Director of Central Intelligence from 1993-95.

STEVE ZWOLINSKI

With over 20 years of service with the General Electric Company (GE), Mr. Zwolinski was appointed President and CEO of GE Wind Energy, GE's newly acquired wind energy segment, in May 2002. A native of Somerset, MA., Mr. Zwolinski graduated with a BSME from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute prior to joining GE in 1982, and in 1989 received his MBA. During his career with the company he has held leadership positions at GE Corporate R&D, GE-Medical Systems, GE-Aerospace, and GE Power Systems (GEPS), including General Manager of Inspection and Repair Services, President and CEO of GE Energy Parts, and more recently, General Manager, GE Global Hydro. He recently served on the Board of Directors for Inroads-Atlanta, and currently resides in Atlanta, GA.