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Energy Secretary Steven Chu testified on Capitol Hill Tuesday regarding the department's stimulus loan programs and what the administration is doing about oil prices.

A House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform congressman became frustrated with the secretary's testimony on what initiatives were being taken in order to lower gas prices at the pump.

CONGRESSMAN:

"My time is short, you've listed a long list of things that this administration has done. I have not yet heard that there are trying to increase the supply of American oil or our refining capacity or limit the regulations in the diversity of blends that are required.

I have heard nothing from you today that indicates a policy this administration has put in place that will meaningful impact the price at the pumps, other than driving it up!

The policies this administration has put in place have actually increased the cost of fuel at the pumps. They have increased the cost of commuting for my constituents.

And to tell my constituents, with 10 percent unemployment, Western North Carolina, that you need to buy a Nissan Leaf? That in order to commute for 50 minutes a day you're going to have to have an employer who is wonderful enough to provide you a place to plug in your car, so you can get home? Is absolutely ridiculous.

And the anger my constituents have at the cost of the pumps is very real, and if the President doesn't get this and if the Secretary of energy doesn't get this then we've got a real problem here. We've doubled the budget of the department of energy in 2009. And yet we are paying twice as much at the pumps. This is absolutely ridiculous!

We've seen Solyndras, but haven't seen a reduction at the pumps."

Inspiring

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If I had \$37000.00 I would be a real car with power an comfort!

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High school Chemistry class.....

Why isn't h2 abundant on our planet? Because all elements go toward their LOWEST energy state. Long, long ago all the h2 BURNED and turned into WATER. Water H2O is a lower states than free H2 and O2.

You CAN break it apart (called disassociation) But it TAKES more energy than you get.

If it were the other way around we'd all be driving your magical unicorn mobiles!

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LIBERALS IN THIS DICTATORSHIP HOW ABOUT A TOYOTA CAMRY ITS MADE IN THE U.S

THAT IS A PROBLEM PUT AMERICANS TO WORK

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' Just how "green" are solar panels in practice? Not very, and not very efficient, either:

The manufacture of polysilicon requires enormous amounts of energy — so much electricity that it typically takes the first year of operation of the panel to generate as much power as was required to make the polysilicon in it. The process requires superheating large volumes of material in electric-arc furnaces, including the melting of quartzite rock at more than 3,600 degrees Fahrenheit....

China's own polysilicon industry is controversial because it relies heavily on electricity generated by coal-fired power plants, and because weak environmental controls at Chinese polysilicon factories have resulted in toxic spills that have fouled streams and rivers.'

And China has a relative abundance in the rare-earth compounds needed for the manufacture of these panels, and the other so-called "green" energy technologies. How about the US? Er ... not so much. We would be even more reliant on foreign and rare resources than we are now in the fossil-fuel economy in which we currently live, so put some scare quotes around the notion of "energy independence" as a result of switching to "green" "renewable" energy, too.

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@86z51 0 minutes ago in reply to laughinghard

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And where does that power come from?

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86z51 0 minutes ago in reply to laughinghard

I'm no expert- but- It can be had from Solar, or our existing grid, Nuclear, lots of places. It certainly does not have to be a losing proposition like you seem to want it to be.

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Major Skidmark 6 minutes ago in reply to laughinghard

It takes more energy to break water into h2 and o. Why don't they just save all this wasted power and run the car on the electricity?

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rettwailer 5 minutes ago in reply to Major Skidmark

They have been taught that unless the "Science" does not come from an approved source, it does not exist

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truth_not_fies 7 minutes ago

YEAH, BUY a Nissan "Leaf" - if you NEVER plan to drive MORE THAN 100 MILES ROUND TRIP...

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 **patriotusa2** 5 minutes ago

This guy Chu is not the brightest bulb on the block to say the least. He isn't even capable of putting forth a good argument for the stupid things this administration is doing. It was Chu who said that they were trying to find a way to get gas prices go as high as Europe in order to get everyone compliant with all these green bombs they've conjured up. Between the wind mills, solar panels, and electric cars they must have wasted billions of taxpayers dollars.

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