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House Outer Continental Shelf Vote is a Vote for Agriculture

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June 29, 2006 - Washington, DC – The 105 members of the Agriculture Energy Alliance (AEA) congratulate the bipartisan House members for their strong vote today to expand offshore production in the Outer Continental Shelf. The Alliance is particularly grateful for the work done by Congressmen Richard Pombo (R-CA), John Peterson (R-PA), Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), Bobby Jindal (R-LA), Charles Melancon (D-LA) and Adam Putnam (R-FL) in crafting the approved compromise bill.

AEA urges the Senate to pass legislation quickly that will significantly improve natural gas supply in the United States. Throughout debate on energy policy the AEA has consistently encouraged Congress to pass legislation that would allow expanded natural gas production in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

The AEA represents a broad-based coalition of farm organizations and agribusinesses that face a crisis because of government policies that have created demand for natural gas while at the same time restricting access to supply sources. The farm sector depends on significant amounts of natural gas for food processing, irrigation, crop drying, heating farm buildings and homes, and production of crop protection chemicals and nitrogen fertilizers.

Additional supply of American energy resources is important to maintaining a competitive agricultural sector. AEA supports legislation that will provide an enhanced role for development of offshore energy resources leading to a more diverse portfolio and additional supplies of natural gas. We stand ready to work with the Senate on this extremely important legislation that is critical to U.S. farmers, agribusiness and other U.S. energy consumers.

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 Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council
 Texas Grain & Feed Assn.
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