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Pickens Praises Obama Appointments To Interior, Agriculture

December 18, 2008 – T. Boone Pickens today offered the following statement on President-elect Obama’s Cabinet appointments to the Departments of Interior and Agriculture:

“The nominations of the President-elect for Colorado Senator Ken Salazar to be Secretary of the Interior and former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack to be Secretary of Agriculture add two Obama cabinet members who are familiar with and advocates for alternative energy sources for America. These men are excellent additions to the team President-elect Obama is putting together to lead his Administration. They each have the reputation as having a history of looking for achievable, not ideological resolutions to important energy issues.”

About the Pickens Plan

Unveiled on July 8, 2008 by T. Boone Pickens, the Pickens Plan is a detailed solution for ending the United States’ growing dependence on foreign oil. Earlier this year, when oil prices reached \$140/barrel, America was spending about \$700 billion for foreign oil, equaling the greatest transfer of wealth in human history. That figure has decreased some while oil prices have retreated, but the U.S. is still dependent on foreign nations for nearly 70 percent of its oil, representing a continuing national economic and national security threat. The plan calls for investing in power generation from domestic renewable resources such as wind and using our abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing more than one-third of our imported oil.

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