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"ENERGY FOR THE EIGHTIES"

A Briefing Book prepared by

The American Legislative Exchange Council

The American Legislative Exchange Council proposes to publish and distribute a briefing book on energy for all of America's state legislators, governors, other state officers and officials, Members of Congress and the press.

The briefing book would be similar in format to the Washington, D.C. Amendment one prepared and distributed by ALEC a year ago, December, 1978.

Although there seems to be an abundance of information on this ever-discussed issue, much of the available research is designed for and distributed to Members of Congress. An additional problem is that most energy information is produced by special interest groups or energy-producing corporations, whose material, however well-documented, is looked upon with a jaundiced eye, particularly by those most needing the information.

Because of ALEC's non-partisan public policy research reputation for delivering timely, factual material, ALEC is the logical organization to take on this important briefing book. Moreover, ALEC's experience in producing and distributing a briefing book so efficiently last year, is another reason why the project is most appropriate for ALEC.

Some of the research work for the briefing book has already been done during the preparation of ALEC's third volume of suggested state legislation, The Source Book of American State Legislation, 1980. The Source Book contains ALEC's "More

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American Energy Program," a series of thirty free enterprise legislative suggestions providing incentives for energy production and conservation through state tax code revisions and governmental reforms. The "More American Energy" suggestions are listed in five categories: Property Tax Incentives, Sales Tax Incentives, Personal Income Tax Incentives, Corporate Tax Incentives and Governmental Reforms. As the categories indicate, the thirty recommendations provide financial rewards to individuals and businesses who invest in America's energy future.

The briefing book would cover such topics as: oil, natural gas, nuclear energy, coal, alternative fuels and renewable energy resources, a compendium of state and federal government laws and regulations affecting energy, a glossary of energy-related terms, a review of state energy policies in producing and consuming states, the^{*}Sagebrush Rebellion, suggested energy solutions, and a complete bibliography.

It is imperative to point out that NO SUCH BRIEFING BOOK EXISTS TODAY. State legislators and officials all across the country have expressed their dismay that there is no one single compendium of energy information available.

ALEC's fine working relationship with the American Petroleum Institute, energy producing companies, energy-oriented associations and other public policy research organizations will facilitate the work necessary to produce this timely and much-needed briefing book.

America's state legislators and the constituents they serve would be the beneficiaries of this briefing book -- all one needs to know about "Energy For The Eighties."

The cost of producing 9,000 briefing books and distributing them is \$6.00 each, to total \$54,000.

* see Sagebrush Rebellion Fact Sheet attached