

A proposal to bar U.S. financial support for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has drawn the support of all of Nebraska's and two of Iowa's members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nebraska Reps. Lee Terry, Jeff Fortenberry and Adrian Smith, joined Iowa Reps. Steve King and Thomas Latham voting in favor of the measure that passed largely on party lines (Republicans generally for the measure, Democrats generally opposed.)

The measure has since gone to the Senate as part of a larger debate over federal budget cuts. The proposal was offered by Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer, R-Mo., who says it would prevent a \$13 million U.S. contribution to the panel.

The IPCC is the international body that distills climate research into consensus statements that provide policymakers with a vetted, common frame of reference.

In past reports, the panel has said the evidence is clear that climate change is occurring, and there is little doubt human-generated carbon dioxide is a cause.

Long-controversial, the IPCC found its credibility damaged by inappropriate e-mail exchanges among some of its participating scientists.

Luetkemeyer said the IPCC should be stripped of the funding because it is "an entity that is fraught with waste and fraud, and engaged in dubious science..."

The basic findings of the IPCC continue to be supported by the world's other major scientific bodies, including the American Meteorological Society and American Geophysical Union.

See Rep. Luetkemeyer's press release: <http://luetkemeyer.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=26§iontree=6,26&itemid=644>

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