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Sen. Mary Landrieu working to block greenhouse gas decision by EPA

By [Bruce Alpert, Times-Picayune](#)
January 21, 2010, 7:13PM

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is joining with an Alaska Republican to sponsor legislation that would block the Environmental Protection Agency from carrying through on **its plans to regulate greenhouse gases** that agency officials believe contribute to global warming.



Pedro Martinez Monsivais/The Associated Press

The Clean Air Act 'is a blunt instrument not suited to the job,' Sen. Mary Landrieu said.

"To regulate carbon emissions with the **Clean Air Act** would be to jam a square peg into a round hole," Landrieu said Thursday. "This act is a blunt instrument not suited to the job. I fear that the result would be poorly designed regulations that damage our economy, lead to great investment uncertainty and not do enough to enhance energy security and reduce the risks of climate change."

Environmental groups said that Landrieu and the bill's main sponsor, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, are protecting polluting industries and doing harm to Louisiana's fishing industry and efforts to restore the state's wetlands, a natural barrier for storm surge and flooding.

"I'm very disappointed she's siding with lobbyists and big business, Wall Street interests instead of Louisiana families and small businesses and hope she'll reconsider," Jonathan Henderson of the Gulf Restoration Network said in a statement. "Louisiana needs policies that will push us forward into clean energy economy, not push us back to the failed energy policies of the past. Our wetlands, coast and communities are at stake."

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Also signing onto the Murkowski bill were Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., and Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.

Murkowski said she and her co-sponsors hope to block the EPA from imposing "backdoor climate regulations," rather than letting Congress decide what, if any, regulations to impose.

Environmentalists criticized Murkowski for allowing former officials of President George W. Bush's administration, now working as industry lobbyists, help draw up her legislation.

"It is an extreme action, written for polluters by polluters, to exempt Big Oil and Coal from complying with the law," said Emily Figdor of the advocacy group, Environmental America.

Bruce Alpert can be reached at balpert@timespicayune.com or 202.383.7861.

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Posted by paulrobesson1 January 21, 2010, 7:32PM

Expect to see an onslaught of pro landrieu articles.

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Posted by Tadpole1 January 21, 2010, 7:43PM

Give it up Mary, you sold your soul. You are next. It is far too late to act like you care about us or as if you are a blue dog. You showed you are a left wing Dem, period.

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Posted by ProgressiveConservative January 21, 2010, 7:47PM

Oh, yes... Mary is a "blue dog" democrat -- a conservative democrat. Now, she's trying to bury her business. But, everyone, don't forget Little Bobby Jindal gave Landrieu the wording for the Louisiana Purchase -- he is a co-conspirator. Will we remember this during the gubernatorial election next year?

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Posted by daBlade44 January 21, 2010, 7:52PM

Not a peep from Mary when the EPA announced this power grab a few weeks ago. So, after the defeat in Mass. this week, she's jogging back to the center. Nice try Mary, but you're still busted. Just like most things this admin. does, this is not about the EPA, it's about power. They will use any angle, any means to eliminate the checks and balances that protect the people from a de facto

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Posted by **Tadpole1**
January 21, 2010, 7:55PM

Hey Progressive, If Jindal did this, show it. I will join you if you prove it and just don't say it.

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Posted by **ProgressiveConservative**
January 21, 2010, 8:05PM

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Posted by **dutchtown**
January 21, 2010, 7:57PM

Why did she vote for the healthcare bill that very few of her people wanted, was it to stay on the good side of the temp. president?

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Posted by **bettyddd643**
January 21, 2010, 7:59PM

Looks like the Democratic Republicans are at it again. The usual suspects like Landrieu, Lincoln and Nelson seem to think that being conservative means it is acceptable to work for the highest bidder against your own state. Give Lieberman time and he'll get involved too.

Show me the money!

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Posted by **nolaconstituent**
January 21, 2010, 8:03PM

I'm not an environmentalist, but it's pretty plain to see we are in trouble. NASA released data on Thurs. that showed the past decade was the warmest ever and global temperatures have risen every year since 1880. If Ms. Landrieu is indeed interested in protecting our land and air, she sure has a funny way of showing it.

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Posted by **muspench**
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I think given that measurements began in 1880, they meant 2000-2009 was the warmest decade in the period 1880-2009.

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Posted by **metaphorsbwithu**
January 22, 2010, 5:18PM

Every pronouncement from NASA and the UN IPCC is now suspect, as Climategate has shown, no matter the spin in the media, from John Holdren, Michael Mann, etc.

Even their own statistics, however, show that "global temperatures" peaked in 1998 and have been trending down ever since. The CRU climatologists have been exposed by their attempts to "hide the decline" in temperatures and to manipulate data (Mann's "trick") by substituting data from different sources that fit their hypothesis.

No one in the media will actually discuss Mann's "trick." The only quote apologists who say it's just harmless shop talk. Google Mann and the magic tree rings from Siberia to see what he did to create his infamous (and debunked) hockey stick graph.

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Posted by **noeplaya**
January 23, 2010, 12:07AM

Yeah Global Warming is a lie made up by the underfunded environmental group. They spent millions on sending ships to Antarctica and the North Pole where they then wired explosives to the icebergs in order to produce all those videos of icebergs "breaking off". Their elaborate scheme is over. I especially despise how they caused the droughts in the Southeast and the ever drier conditions in the West. These Environmentalists fail to realize that they are costing this country money. Money rules, we don't need trees, rain water, fresh air, or fertile soil. All we need is money. When the Earth can no longer sustain life, it will still be able to sustain Money. Money don't breathe, ask for fresh water, or even eat. So to Heck with the Environmentalist, or the environment for that matter. As long as there is money that is all we need. Bring on the heat- that is as long as it brings on the profits for large Corporations.

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Posted by **fldr11**
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curb the cows from burping and fortin. thats how u deal with gasses.

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Posted by **waitjustamminute**
January 21, 2010, 8:28PM

Cut the chirade, Mary. Switch parties. You are about as much a Democrat as Nancy Pelosi is a Republican. Now that the Democrats no longer have a filibuster proof majority, put yourself out of your own misery. Become a Republican.

Join the party of Sarah Palin. Last time I checked, she was from Alaska too.

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Posted by **cookie62**
January 21, 2010, 9:09PM

Boy are you way off base. Have you seen how Mary has voted over the past two years? Mary is blue as blue as they come. But blue will run red when all is said and done and I hope and pray to GOD that Mary will be gone from the Senate come the next election. I am extremely dissatisfied with what she has done for her "constituents" over the past year and I hope no one forgets it. I want her out of the Senate for good. She does not listen to what we, her constituents, want. She is letting Harry Reid (gag, gag) and Nancy Pelosi (gag, gag, gag the hag) influence her vote instead of listening to what we want. THANK GOD FOR DAVID VITTER.

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Posted by **daBlade44**
January 22, 2010, 11:46AM

Hey wait! We don't want her, you got her, you keep her!

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Posted by **Tadpole1**
January 21, 2010, 8:36PM

Progressive: Thank you, I will read it.

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Posted by **simon**
January 21, 2010, 8:52PM

I am surprised more people are not worried about losing more jobs.

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Posted by **cookie62**
January 21, 2010, 8:59PM

Boy have you said a mouthful. Mary knows she is doomed and now she is trying to save face. Hey Mary can you say Scott Brown and Martha Cokley (sorry if I spelled her name wrong). Mary your days are numbered in the Senate. You better listen to what your constituents are saying and vote the way WE WANT YOU TO VOTE, instead of trying to advance your political agenda because the advancement is OVER. We are unhappy with what you have done over the past year and WE WON'T FORGET IT come election time. STOP VOTING PARTY LINES AND VOTE WHAT WE WANT!!!

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Posted by **simon**
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"showed the past decade was the warmest ever and global temperatures have risen every year since 1880. "

Look at the data for the last 600,000 years.

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