

1 her.

2 And then from there,
3 what we're going to do is pick up with
4 the people who signed up today.

5 All right?

6 So that was Mr. Church.
7 We'll next hear from Mr. Maher.
8 That's Ken Maher, and then on deck
9 would be Susan Sullivan and Debbie
10 Gillette. And then we'll take our
11 little break. And by the way, right
12 after the break, the people on deck
13 will be Madeline Moorehead, Rich
14 O'Dell, and Carol Ohlandt. All right.

15 And then we hear now
16 from Ken Maher.

17 MR. MAHER:

18 My name is Ken Maher, a
19 concerned angler. While hydraulic
20 fracturing is in its relative infancy,
21 the overwhelming body of evidence
22 suggests we've already gone too far.
23 And so we must take head and call off
24 this advance that benefits of energy
25 companies and residents at the

1 enormous expense of the folks of not
2 only Pennsylvania, but the other
3 boundary states as well.

4 The huge amounts of
5 water required for fracking to take
6 place in itself, sends up the red
7 flag. This water's lost to the planet
8 and the sheer volume required has
9 grown from about 5 million gallons per
10 site to over 10 million gallons and
11 above, for larger bores.

12 Removal of this amount
13 of water per site over the large and
14 the short term and compounded with
15 climate change, presents a dire
16 situation for the people of
17 northeastern U.S.

18 The chances are already
19 high that a truck loaded with
20 wastewater would be involved in an
21 accident and spill its deadly contents
22 into a creek. This could potentially
23 destroy not only that creek, but the
24 river that feeds, which could very
25 well be the Delaware.

1 Whether by truck, train,
2 or pipeline, accidents can and do
3 happen. We are literally looking at
4 one accident and the Delaware could be
5 ruined forever from the source of the
6 accident all the way down to the
7 Delaware Bay. Wastewater has such a
8 plethora of high toxic substances and
9 radiation within it, that there should
10 be a complete ban on it being any
11 closer to the Delaware than it already
12 is.

13 We should collectively
14 manage water like our lives depend on
15 it, because frankly, they do. This is
16 boundary water, so it's shared,
17 meaning, it should be treated like we
18 don't own it because frankly, we
19 don't. Water removed from the
20 northeastern Pennsylvania will have a
21 negative effect on birds, fish and
22 wildlife that cannot be accurately
23 gauged because of the lack of long
24 term studies.

25 Short term studies point

1 definitively to the degradation of
2 fish and wildlife populations near
3 fracking sites. Water quality is
4 suffering already near fracking sites
5 and this will only get worse over time
6 as cement casings fail and even things
7 like minor seismic events will cause
8 fissures in the earth and fracking ---
9 to allow fracking water to mix with
10 water that is ultimately destined to
11 be utilized for the Delaware and its
12 residents.

13 We are at a cross road
14 with regards to energy policy in this
15 nation. It is time for green
16 technologies to become the focus of
17 energy policy investment. Advance in
18 fracking will only shorten the life
19 span of this planet, I am 100 percent
20 certain of this statement.

21 Allowing oil and gas
22 companies to call the shots and have
23 free reign will only intensify the
24 density of fracking operations across
25 the country and serve to slow the

1 advancement of healthy green
2 alternatives that are not only needed,
3 they are warranted.

4 The storage of
5 wastewater is already a huge issue for
6 this country, and the ever increasing
7 amounts of it used in fracking will
8 become a bigger headache and
9 environmental issue over time. We
10 must remain intensely committed and
11 dedicated to keeping the Delaware
12 Basin clean and pristine because
13 frankly, it was put here for the
14 humans and animals to utilize and
15 benefit from, first and foremost.

16 Monitoring and policing
17 of the companies that frack
18 Pennsylvania, needs to be enhanced by
19 leaps and bounds. American big
20 business will typically operate at a
21 level they know they can get away with
22 knowing they have an expert legal team
23 and deep pocket to shield them from
24 liabilities.

25 As far as I'm concerned,