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Akin Joins Secretary Gale Norton
Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton to visit Carpenter's Hall on Hampton

St. Louis, Mo- Today, Congressman Todd Akin will join the Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton for an energy rally at the Carpenter Union Hall at 1401 Hampton Avenue. Secretary Norton will address the need for the Senate to pass a comprehensive energy bill. Last August, the House passed the Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE Act) that encourages greater domestic energy production, helps modernize America's aging energy infrastructure, provides incentives for new and cleaner energy sources including a version of clean coal initiatives co-sponsored by Congressman Akin in the science committee.

"The Senate, especially Senate Leader Tom Daschle, needs to quit obstructing this forward-looking legislation," said Akin. "The energy bill will lessen our dependence on foreign oil and encourage the development of new technologies."

"The Senate needs to act if it is also concerned with bolstering our economy, protecting jobs and securing affordable and safe energy for Americans," stated Akin.