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HOUSING **Continued from 1A**

The plan by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is the centerpiece of a broader package of bills approved Thursday that Democrats say will prevent more foreclosures and help homeowners and communities deal with the fallout from the mortgage meltdown.

"We are in a recession, and the major cause of that is the subprime crisis," said Frank, the Financial Services Committee chairman. "Diminishing the number of foreclosures is in the interest not simply of those who will avoid foreclosure, but people in their neighborhood, (in) the cities in which they are located, and the whole economy." Proponents hope the pack-

age - which awaits action in the Senate - will serve as the basis for a broad bipartisan housing compromise that could satisfy both parties' keen appetite for delivering election-year aid to anxious constituents.

But Bush's veto warnings, bol-

stered by staunch GOP opposition, are clouding its prospects.

"House Democrats passed bills that they know will never become law. Most Americans understand that we shouldn't create a taxpayer-funded bailout for lenders and speculators," said Tony Fratto, a White House spokesman.

The House also passed, 239-188 a bill to send \$15 billion to states to buy and fix up foreclosed property. Bush has also threatened to veto that measure, contending it rewards the very lenders who helped cause the housing chaos.

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firearm in connection with allegedly shooting his wife in November.

KUHL **Continued from 1A**

Big Oil and use that money to make investments in clean, renewable energy and promote energy conservation. The bill passed the House and is currently in the Senate's Finance Committee.

Kuhl said Thursday he could not remember the particulars of that bill but said he voted to reduce subsidies for oil companies in a House vote last December. He also questioned the DCCC's accuracy of the money he's received from oil companies.

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in the upper torso as she ran from the couple's Mead Road home around 7 p.m. Nov. 19. After being hit, she was

pulled to safety by deputies responding to the scene. After allegedly shooting his

Faylyn Vanzile, 38, was shot wife, Steven Vanzile retreated

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Kuhl said he's not a friend of Big Oil "particularly when I voted for a bill that took away their subsidies."

However, Kuhl has voted against bills that seek to close loopholes for oil companies and raise their taxes claiming that would further spike the price of gas.

Kuhl said high gas prices hit the 29th Congressional District particularly hard because of the lack of mass transit. He called rising gas prices a "lifechanging" influence that have "changed the way people live in our district. There's no question about it and needs to be dealt with."

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into his home, beginning a four-hour standoff with police. He allegedly fired several more shots, none of which struck anyone, before surren derin g.

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Vanzile was free on bail awaiting trial.

What the country needs is a comprehensive energy policy that deals with short-, medium-, and long-term solutions, Kuhl said. He advocates opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and areas off the Gulf Coast to drilling and then investing more into alternative forms of energy.

Kuhl also said he'd favor suspending the 18-cent tax the federal government levies on a gallon of gas for the summer months even though he's concerned about the shortfall in revenue that would produce.

"Anything to bring the price of gas down I support," Kuhl said.

INVESTIGATION

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• Developers seeking leases for wind turbine sites or easements for access roads and transmission lines have lied to convince landowners to sign away their rights.

• Numerous allegations of fraud by governmental officials, developers and consultants.

• Unlawful conduct by Prattsburgh Supervisor Harold McConnell in voting for an eminent domain resolution by the Prattsburgh Town Board last month. If carried out, the resolution would allow the town to seize privately-owned

property in order to bury transmission cables.

McConnell publicly admitted at the April 21 board meeting he set up an unpaid real estate transaction for UPC/First Wind last year. McConnell told the board he later received payment for the transaction after the town signed an agreement with UPC, adding he had been told by counsel the action would not prevent him from casting the deciding vote for eminent domain.

Sherron returned phone calls from *The Leader* Thursday but opted not to give a comment. Tunney said he had no

comment on the letter.

If Tunney decides to take action. Steuben would be the third county in the state to investigate criminal wrongdoing associated with wind farm s.

Franklin County The District Attorney's office is conducting a grand jury investigation into wind farmrelated abuses, and Delaware County is also investigating alleged criminal activity.

Representatives from the state Attorney General's Office also reportedly met with wind farm opponents in Steuben County last week.

PLAN **Continued from 1A**

Board member Robin Lattimer, a member of the committee that revised the original draft of the plan, defended the decision to delete the recommendations as a way of keeping the comprehensive plan flexible.

"We felt the comprehensive plan should be a broad guideline," Lattimer said.

Town Supervisor Fred Muller also insisted the board would not ignore the scores of recommendations, which included suggestions on how to regulate the location of adult stores and how to protect town aquifers.

recommendations separate from the comprehensive plan, Muller said, but would refer to them in developing land use regulations.

The board would keep those

Critics of the board's process were not won over.

Town resident Edward Spencer, a member of the original ad hoc committee, noted other municipalities' comprehensive plans reviewed by his committee included specific recommendations.

"To take these recommendations out creates gray Spencer warned. areas," "Lawyers love gray areas." Spencer urged the board to, at the least, append the recommendations to the comprehensive plan.

Other residents urged the board to reinstate recommendations related to handicapped accessibility issues in the town.

The board took no action at the close of the hearing, and Muller said no action would be taken at its regular meeting Monday. The board will take up the issue at its June meeting, Muller said.

The next steps, according to Lattimer, will be to consider the comments offered at Thursday's public hearing; to eventually adopt some version of the plan; and then to develop legislation based on the plan.



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Meteorologist Joe Pasquarelli





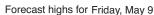
Showers

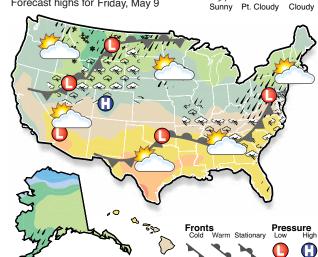
High | 60

Low | 46

Saturday Sunday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Today Monday Partly sunny, Mostly sunny Cloudy, Light rain, Partly sunny, Partly sunny showers late chance of breezy showers showers High | 65 High | 59 High | 58 High | 64 High | 55 High | 63 Low | 45 Low | 38 Low | 32 Low | 42 Low | 40 Low | 41

National forecast





-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

	YESTERDAY			TODAY			TOMORROW		
	Hi	To	Prc	Hi	To	Otlk	Hi	Lo	Otlk
Albany	70	59		59	46	Rain	66	42	PCIdy
Boston	77	57	.04	54	49	Rain	58	45	Rain
Brownsville	89	71		91	74	PCIdy	94	78	PCIdy
Buffalo	55	47	.23	58	43	Clr	62	39	PCIdy
Chicago	59	46	.30	61	41	PCIdy	63	40	PCIdy
Cincinnati	64	59	.79	67	52	Cldy	68	48	PCIdy
Cleveland	50	48	.38	60	45	PCIdy	62	43	Cldy
Columbus,Ohio	67	60	.44	66	51	PCIdy	67	47	PCIdy
Key West	85	78		85	76	PCIdy	86	77	PCIdy
Las Vegas	86	65		89	65	Cĺr	88	65	Cİr
Los Angeles	70	55		68	55	PCIdy	71	55	PCIdy
Nashville	72	64	.41	78	60	Cldy	77	56	PCIdy
New Orleans	85	72		90	70	PCIdy	89	73	PCIdy
New York City	73	63	.03	56	54	Rain	64	46	PCIdy
Orlando	92	68		91	69	PCIdy	93	71	PCIdy
hiladelphia	76	66	.02	63	58	Rain	66	46	PCIdy
Phoenix	92	67		93	67	Clr	93	68	Cİr
Pittsburgh	60	59	.63	63	50	Rain	63	43	PCIdy
Portland, Ore.	56	46	.01	65	44	PCIdy	64	45	Cldy
Providence	75	55	.11	57	50	Rain	66	46	Rain
Richmond	73	67	.02	76	64	Rain	69	51	Cldy
Sacramento	81	50		79	48	Clr	83	48	Cİr
St Louis	61	60	1.02	66	50	PCIdy	70	45	PCIdy
St Petersburg	86	73		87	75	PCIdy	87	75	PCIdy
Salt Lake City	63	45	.08	63	45	Rain	61	41	PCIdy
San Antonio	95	59		93	68	PCIdy	95	74	PCIdy
San Diego	64	57		65	55	PCIdy	66	54	PCIdy
San Francisco	62	48		65	49	PCIdy	68	48	PCIdy
San Juan, P.R.	89	75		88	75	Cldy	87	74	CÍr
Santa Fe	74	47		78	40	Cĺr	75	41	Clr
St Ste Marie	55	35		59	31	Clr	55	33	PCIdy
Seattle	59	43		63	42	PCIdy	59	44	Cldy
Shreveport	79	63	.18	92	62	PCIdy	87	66	PCIdy
Soux Falls	54	40	.05	60	43	Cldy	53	45	Rain
Spokane	55	36		59	34	PCIdy	60	38	PCIdy
Syracuse	57	53	.06	58	42	PCIdy	62	40	PCIdy
Tampa	87	72		86	75	PCIdy	88	75	PCIdy

NEW YORK

Today rain is likely with highs in the upper 50s.

Tonight will be mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday will be partly sunny with highs in the mid-60s.

Saturday night will be mostly clear with lows in the mid-30s.

WEATHER HISTORY

In 1977, a late-season snow storm hit parts of Pennsylvania, New York state, and southern and central New England. Heavier snowfall totals included 27 inches at Side Mountain and 20 inches in Norwalk, Conn. In Boston it was the first May snow in 107 years of records.

MOON PHASES										
First	Full	Last	New							
MONDAY	M AY 20	M AY 28	JUNE 3							
SUNRISE SUNSET										
Sunrise t Sunset to	5:54 8:16									
Sunrise S Sunset S	5:53 8:17									

