On Tuesday 11/17 we will have an open discussion of current climate legislation.

A page with links to several articles has been posted on the web site. I encourage you to look for other sources of information. For this discussion, you should look for arguments on both sides of the debate. We will discuss the following questions?

Everyone will be expected to contribute to the discussion and everyone must have some knowledge of arguments on both sides. Even if you have a strong opinion one way or the other, you need to understand the arguments on the other side.

1. What are 2 arguments in favor and 2 arguments against the U.S. taking some action on climate change?

2. What are the main features of the American Clean Energy and Security Act, currently being debated in Congress?

3. What are 3 positive features of the current legislation?

4. What are 3 negative features of the current legislation?

Some points that I definitely want to bring up in the discussion:

- What are the major elements of the legislation?
- How will the trading program work, or will it?
- Should the US act when other countries are not?
- Is the bill doing too little or too much?
- From an economic are there any flaws in the law?
- Should the carbon allowances be grandfathered?
- What are the benefits of offsets and their potential problems?