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# Making the Law Work

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Quotable:

“I think we’ve got a real good opportunity: Welcome to Texas because he have an energy plan in this state. When you look at Texas, we’re probably the only place in the country, when you look at our markets, who has a portfolio that would be a national energy plan. So we are a perfect example of what should be happening.”

- Craddick

“Countries come in from all over the world & other states trying to figure out what we do and how we do it best. One of the things we’ve done well, historically, is to have good, fair regulations.”

- Craddick

On the emerging changes to the Mexican Energy Sector and the need for regulations:

“ (One of Mexico’s) challenge is going to be to put good rules in place and that is important , first and foremost, for both sides of the border. And we’ve had some good conversations as government agencies back and forth as to how we’re set up, what rules are in place.” - Craddick

Going Forward working with Washington & Mexico City:

“Opening our borders and opening exports for us and making sure we’re exporting crude is going to be important for all of us to be competitive. The regulatory process in DC gets stuck, but it you look at the states, I think we do it pretty well.”- Craddick

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“We want to make sure that Mexico, in particular because it’s our southern border for us, is putting good rules in place and realizing that what they do affect us, and we need to realize that what we do affect them as well.” - Craddick

**Gaeton Caron:**

“Our Minister of Energy declared on April 15<sup>th</sup> that Canada and the US are kicking off discussions to implement cross border greenhouse emission border regulations in the oil & gas sector. And I say that is good news in the sense that the environmental faction to the free market of energy , it isn’t going away and it will get worse before it gets better in terms of social acceptability of oil & gas development and to tackle it openly, transparently with a plan is better in the end.” - Caron

“We believe as a nation that free markets maximizes the benefits to everybody: producers, consumers and governments in terms of the revenues in the form of royalties and taxes. And the economics are more optimally allocated by the market than by some bureaucrats trying to limit the exports here and there between nations and things like that.” - Caron

Difference in terms of American Oil’s limitation due to limit on export vs. Canadian limitations:

“Our differential in terms of price of oil is due to lack of pipeline space. That is very good news for OPE, but not so good news for American, Canadian and Mexican consumers and producers because there is value there to be grabbed, but cannot for some limitation.” -Caron

On the emerging Mexican oil & gas sector:

“They’re (Mexico) going there. They are moving as fast as they can with limited resources and they need our support in terms of the patience that comes with trials and errors as you create new, very strong institutions, very favorable investment climate and very good enforcement in terms of safety and environmental protection.” -Caron

**Ron Schindler:**

“I’m positive that, the more a person can focus in on the consistency of placing investment on the ground and knowing that you are going to be able to enjoy the success of that investment is key.”- Schindler

“I think that there is going to be an increasing challenge between ‘who has the ball?’ You know, what does the state regulate? What does the federal government regulate? What do the locals regulate? I think that each of those entities is going to be pushing for and trying to expand their swat in the regulatory fields. And often times the corporations get caught in the middle of those tug of wars.” - Schindler