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...A bi-partisan group of senators has announced an energy bill they say will help America become more independent of foreign oil. Republican Senator Sam Brownback praised the effort, saying it will help hold down gas prices and clean the environment as well. The bill will emphasize alternative fuels and increased use of hybrid vehicles. "[T]he effort is going to be targeted to get the first 20 miles of what people drive off of electricity or an alternative fuel instead of petroleum to reduce our consumption," explains the Kansas lawmaker. Brownback and co-sponsor Joe Lieberman of Connecticut plan a series of incentives to encourage use and production of alternative fuel vehicles. "We don't need new technology to do this," Brownback explains, "but we do need to incentivize the marketplace -- both production and consumption. And I think we've got a good chance of being able to get this through." The conservative Republican says it is "quite an exciting prospect" to be considering a measure that deals with energy security, national security, and consumer choice. [Bill Fancher]

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