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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

21 January 1974

WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza today urged Energy Administrator William E Simon to formulate plans now for meeting special summertime fuel requirements.

Among the factors outlined by Congressman de la Garza was the need for sufficient gasoline to enable winter visitors to South Texas to return to their permanent homes in the spring. Many of these visitors, he pointed out, are elderly persons who seek the tropical climate of South Texas for reasons of health.

"They have a substantial credit balance in their fuel accounts," he said, "because they have not had to heat their permanent residences during the winter. That saving more than balances the amount of gasoline they will need to drive home in the spring."

The Congressman made a plea that the Federal Energy Office strive to avert the economic hardship that would be caused to many people in South Texas by a drastic curtailment of tourism. Individuals largely dependent upon expenditures by tourists, he said, include owners and employees of hotels, restaurants, and a wide variety of retail establishments.

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