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It's a sign of the end of times (at least for now) when liberal Democrats drove Washington's climate agenda.

Waxman-Markey was the simultaneously fabled and infamous climate-change bill the House narrowly passed in June 2009 only to go nowhere. With Massachusetts Democrat Edward Markey in the Senate and Henry Waxman [announcing his retirement](#) today, the bill's authors are going their separate ways.

Sens. Barbara Boxer of California and Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island are talking about this issue, but they're not influencing the congressional agenda like their colleagues did.

Who will step up—and when—to drive change on climate action again in Congress is less clear than ever. It's what matters most to Waxman.

"It's more important than the budget, sequestration, the debt ceiling," Waxman [said last year](#). "Ten years, maybe five years from now, people aren't going to say, 'What did we do on those issues?' They're going to say, 'What did Congress do on climate change?'"

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- *Our take:* The groups' petition signals that activists will pursue a range of administrative and legal channels to try and thwart Keystone.

LONGTIME GREEN ADVOCATE WILL RETIRE FROM CONGRESS. Rep. Henry Waxman, who has played a major role in crafting environmental statutes and pushed for action against climate change, [announced Thursday that he will not seek reelection](#) this fall after four decades in the House.

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