United Press International reported on a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on rising gas prices and differing opinions on how to remedy them. Congressman Pence, a member of the Committee and an advocate for more domestic exploration and production, was quoted:

The country also has additional oil reserves that are not included in traditional estimates, which could change the equation, said Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind.

The United States has the world's largest known deposit of oil shale -- rock containing petroleum-like liquids -- largely on federal lands in Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. These rocks contain an estimated 1.23 trillion barrels of oil, according to the federal Bureau of Land Management, a section of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

*"***On what basis do we dismiss 110 years of (oil supply in) potential oil shale reserves?***"* *Pence asked the witnesses at Thursday's hearing.*