

At least, optimism seems to be the White House message, according to a [TPM](#) report:

On Friday the president urged speed in the broader shift in U.S. energy priorities and said he believed lawmakers — many of whom are skeptical of the energy bill — are following.

“It is a transformation that will be made as swiftly and as carefully as possible, to ensure that we are doing what it takes to grow this economy in the short, medium, and long term,” Obama said.

“I do believe that a consensus is growing to achieve exactly that.”

Let's hope he's right.

In any event, isn't it nice to have a president who thinks it's worth going to places like MIT to talk with people?