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More of the same thing, but I thought it was amusing (as much as this kind of thing can be)...

Drill, Oh Baby, Drill!

Womenfolk, beware gas men

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LOCK UP THE LADIES and grab all the babies! The drillers are a comin'!

A Democratic state House leader suggests that expanded drilling for natural gas could cause Wild West behavior, including a different kind of, um, drilling.

Rep. Mike Sturla, of Lancaster County, chairman of the Democratic House Policy Committee, offered the fear as part of an email to the online news service capitolwire.com, which was reporting on a Corbett administration contention that more drilling in state forests can solve state economic woes.

Sturla wrote, in part, "What are all those things the drillers are doing for local communities? Patronizing the bars at night . . . spreading sexually transmitted disease amongst the womenfolk?"

He later apologized for using the term "womenfolk."

But Republicans went nuts.

One labeled him Rep. Mike Sturla, D-19th century.

The state GOP issued a news release calling Sturla's remarks "incredibly stupid."

House Republicans unleashed statements saying that Sturla insulted drillers and women. Several GOP lawmakers tagged the comments "archaic," "shocking," "fear-mongering" and "deplorable."

For his part, Sturla's sticking with his STD worries.

He cites a Troy Community Hospital report in May that lists "an increase in sexually transmitted diseases" among the issues that health professionals in gas regions are seeing or are concerned about.

Troy is in Bradford County, a major drilling area.

Make that a major gas drilling area.

- John Baer, Philly.com

So the boom is probably good for prostitutes too!