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Political decisions are about both action and effect. Today's announcement of the release of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is a good example. The Biden administration, facing the problem of rising prices for gasoline (and a plunge in the president's ratings), took action. It has done something. Unfortunately, whether the decision will have the desired impact on prices is another question. The excuses are included, though a little obscurely, in the announcement...

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