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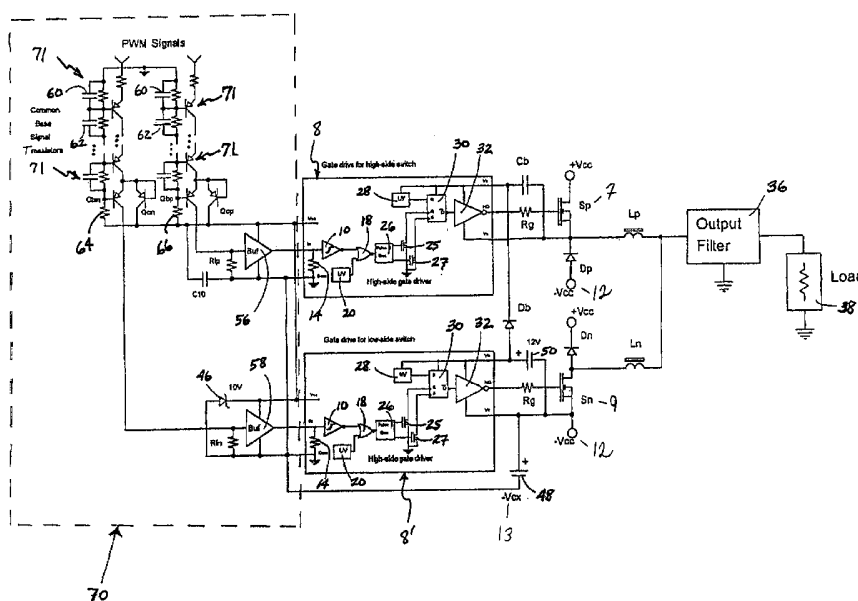
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(57) Abstract: A half-bridge gate driver circuit including two separate floating high-side driver circuits (8 and 8') for operating a switch circuit having a high-side switch (7) and a low-side switch (9). Each of the driver circuits (8 and 8') include input control logic which is referenced to a supply signal with a potential that becomes negative relative to the negative common terminal (12) of the switches, thereby enhancing the operation of the switch circuit. The circuit may further include signal translation stages (70) for translation control signals to the control logic of the driver circuits (8 and 8'). The signal translation stages (70) include a plurality of cascaded parasitic transistor (71) which provide a neutralizing capacitance to minimize noise.

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