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Victory for Aviation Biofuels in US Senate Vote



The aviation biofuels industry received encouraging news yesterday afternoon with reports that the U.S. Senate voted 62-37 to back military aviation biofuels. The Senate voted in favor of an amendment to repeal Section 313 of the annual Defense Appropriations Bill, which prohibited the Department of Defense from procuring alternative fuels if their price surpassed that of conventional fuels.

Many industry groups such as BIO, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, the Advanced Biofuels Association, the Algae Biomass Organization, the Truman National Security Project, other advanced biofuels organizations, and the airlines actively participated in the weeks leading up to the vote to eliminate "troubling language."

The vote represents a huge success to the industry and the efforts to develop a commercial supply of cost-competitive advanced biofuels as detailed in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), as reported by [Biofuels Digest](#) yesterday afternoon.

Westar Founder and CEO, Cindy Thyfault commented, "This represents a victory for the renewable jet fuel industry, not just in the U.S., but around the world. Price parity is an issue we are all working hard to overcome, and by giving the DLA the ability to work with fuel producers, the solution to this problem will be realized sooner. I congratulate the Senate for sending a message to the world of the importance of renewable jet fuel to our national security efforts."

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