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## Congressmen push for use of renewable fuels by Andrew Henderson

Congressman John McHugh and 21 other members of the U.S. House of Representatives have introduced legislation that, if approved, would require the increased use of renewable fuels, including ethanol.

The legislation could bolster ethanol production in New York State, perhaps assisting Northeast Biofuels' attempt to convert the former Miller Brewing facility into one of the nation's largest ethanol production plants.

Congressman McHugh joined 21 of his colleagues last week in introducing legislation that will require refiners to utilize at least eight billion gallons of renewable fuels annually by 2012. The Fuels Security Act of 2005 aims to maximize the production and use of domestic renewable fuels.

The House legislation is identical to a bipartisan bill, S.650, introduced in the Senate last month.

"This is a critical issue for all Americans, and one that cannot be ignored, particularly by Congress, as we work to enact an energy policy in the coming weeks," Rep. McHugh said. "The more we focus on using renewable fuels, the less we are dependent upon foreign oil. But not only that, these fuels also provide the benefits of improved air quality through reduced greenhouse gas emissions and economic growth from the creation of more locally-owned businesses."

Similar to the Renewable Fuels Standard legislation in Congress during last year's energy-bill debate, the legislation increases the Renewable Fuels Standard requirement to reflect the growth in domestic renewable-fuels production.

In recent years, the renewable-fuels sector has seen significant growth, the congressman said. More than 100 ethanol and biodiesel plants are currently operating in the U.S. with the capacity to produce more than 3.7 billion gallons of fuels. In 2005, the industry will be adding at least 16 new plants with an additional 700 million gallons of capacity.

As more ethanol is being produced in America as an alternative fuel source, New York State is poised to become a leader in the production of renewable energy, said Rep. McHugh. The production of alternative fuels provides farmers an additional marketplace to sell their products while ensuring that farmlands remain in productive use.

Ethanol is a product that is added to gasoline to increase its oxygenate

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characteristics and octane levels. Ethanol has been a requirement for all gasoline sold in New York State since it has outlawed methyl tertiary butyl ether, a toxic chemical used as an oxygenate to enhance the cleaner burning of the fuel.

Northeast Biofuels announced last year that it has finalized partner-supplier agreements with Perdue Farms and BOC Gases. In addition, officials reported that the environmental permitting process is now complete, paving the way for construction of the \$140 million plant, which would have the capacity to produce more than 100 million gallons of ethanol per year.

Northeast Biofuels and Perdue Farms, based in Salisbury, Md., reached an agreement where Perdue would be taking full responsibility for purchasing, transporting, and storing Northeast Biofuels' corn requirements. Perdue plans to provide Northeast Biofuels with 41 million bushels of corn annually.

In addition to outsourcing the corn, Perdue, most known for its poultry products, will locate its northeast headquarters for its grains origination and animal feed distribution division at the Riverview Business Park, the site of the proposed ethanol plant.

One of the products Perdue will market as a nutritional supplement for dairy and other livestock will be distiller's dried grains, a co-product of the ethanol-manufacturing process.

BOC Gases and Northeast Biofuels reached a contract for BOC Gases to purchase carbon dioxide that is produced during the production of ethanol. BOC Gases is the world's largest marketer of industrial gases and the largest marketer of carbon dioxide in the northeast. The company plans to construct a \$14 million carbon-dioxide liquefaction plant adjacent to the proposed ethanol plant.

When it reaches full capacity of 100 million gallons of ethanol per year, Northeast Biofuels will produce the largest carbon dioxide stream in the northeast.

The company's attempt to convert the former Miller Brewing facility ethanol production plant received a plug from Governor George Pataki in his State of the State address earlier this year.



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