



# NAEDA Advocacy Update




A monthly summary of ASSOCIATION PRIORITY ISSUES



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Manufacturer Relations			
ISSUE	SUMMARY	NAEDA'S POSITION	STATUS
 <b>Titling and Registration Task Force</b>	<p>A " briefing paper" has been produced by the Titling and Registration Task Force and is currently circulating among its members and the companies and organizations they represent. The briefing paper is based upon comments from task force members attending the group's initial Nov. 2006 meeting held in Chicago and chaired by Dennis Booth, NAEDA first vice chairman. A spring 2007 meeting is tentatively scheduled.</p>	<p>NAEDA supports efforts of the Titling and Registration Task Force.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
 <b>Warranty Database</b>	<p>NAEDA and the Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association (FEMA) have met with software/consultant suppliers that responded to a request for proposal (RFP) on the warranty database project. The Web-based system would allow dealers, manufacturers and wholesalers to quickly communicate with each other on warranty policies and payments. NAEDA and FEMA will pick a supplier in February to maintain its schedule to produce a working prototype in June.</p>	<p>NAEDA believes a single warranty database makes sense for dealers and manufacturers.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

Government Relations			
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 <b>Fast Tractor Legislation</b>	<p>Ohio's proposed fast tractor legislation received attention of the NAEDA Government Relations Committee in mid-January when it was discussed and recommended for full NAEDA board consideration in March. The committee recommends the board take a position and establish favorable policy before other states put fast tractor legislation on their agendas without benefit of NAEDA's comments.</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>	<p>Awaiting March board action.</p>
 <b>Legislative Fly-In Meeting Assignments</b>	<p>NAEDA staff is finalizing meeting assignments for Fly-In attendees. The assignments match attendees with their corresponding legislators in the U.S. House and Senate. NAEDA board members and association executives are also scheduled to participate in these March 8-9 meetings on Capitol Hill. This year's Fly-In is held in conjunction with NAEDA's March board meeting.</p>	<p>This is a tremendous opportunity for personal involvement on industry issues.</p>	<p>Plans being finalized.</p>
 <b>25x'25 Alliance</b>	<p>Read Smith, co-chair, 25x'25 coalition, presented testimony on behalf of 25x'25 before the Senate Agriculture Committee's hearing on "Agriculture and Rural America's Role in Enhancing National Energy Security." Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) chose the first committee meeting of the new Congress as a platform to discuss renewable energy and the role agriculture will play in its development.</p>	<p>NAEDA supports coalition efforts.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>



## 2007 Farm Bill

Legislators are in the midst of hashing out a 2007 farm bill. NAEDA continues its support of producer benefits, including pro-farmer positions on balanced conservation/land use, rural development and trade. The energy component of this bill with regard to renewable fuels is considered especially important to producer opportunities in the near term.

## Canada's WTO Complaint

Canada alleges illegal handouts are being provided to U.S. corn producers in a complaint filed with the World Trade Organization (WTO). U.S. subsidies allegedly violate established international commerce rules by creating unfair market advantages. The U.S. position is its corn programs are legal and not harming Canadian producers. Will this complaint and other international allegations sway U.S. legislators as they work to come up with the 2007 farm bill?

## Food vs. Fuel

The renewable fuels debate is being waged on a number of fronts, including a "food vs. fuel" issue. Because of corn's current dominant role in ethanol production, the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) has found itself at the heart of a debate whose outcome could sway government policy in the future.

## Democrat-led Congress

NAEDA is finalizing its remapped strategy on issues in preparation of working with a Democrat-controlled 110th Congress. Key committee leadership for both the House and Senate has been identified and the groundwork for communicating to these leaders is actively being initiated. The NAEDA Fly-In in March will serve as a broad outreach to Congress on concentrated, key issues.

## 20 in 10

During the State of the Union address, President Bush announced proposals designed to reduce U.S. gasoline usage by 20 percent over the next 10 years. Bush seeks to achieve the "20 in 10" goal by calling for a mandatory fuels standard requiring the use of 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative fuels in 2017, nearly five times the current 2012 target now required.