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H. R. 3464

To establish a cooperative program of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the feasibility of using only fuel blended with ethanol to power municipal vehicles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Mr. BOSWELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PILOT PROGRAM OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO**
4 **PROMOTE THE USE OF ETHANOL-BLENDED**
5 **FUELS TO RUN MUNICIPAL VEHICLES.**

6 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Agri-
7 culture, the Secretary of Energy, and the Administrator

1 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall jointly es-
2 tablish a pilot program to award competitive grants to as-
3 sist local governments to reduce air pollution by covering
4 the costs associated with converting their entire municipal
5 vehicle fleet to an ethanol-blended fuel.

6 (b) NUMBER OF GRANTS; PREFERENCE.—Grants
7 shall be made to not more than five local governments,
8 with preference given to local governments that have a rec-
9 ognized air pollution problem in their communities, as de-
10 termined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

11 (c) STUDY OF BENEFITS OF CONVERSION.—To re-
12 ceive a grant under this section, a local government must
13 agree to cooperate in a study to assess the economic and
14 environmental benefits to be gained from exclusively using
15 ethanol-blended fuel to power their municipal vehicles. The
16 Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, and the
17 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
18 shall jointly submit to Congress a report containing the
19 results of the study.

20 (d) FUNDING REQUIREMENTS; GRANT CRITERIA.—
21 As soon as possible after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy,
23 and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
24 Agency shall jointly submit to Congress a report con-
25 taining the following:

1 (1) The criteria to be used to award grants
2 under this section.

3 (2) The level of funding necessary to carry out
4 the grant program.

5 (3) The expected duration of the study under
6 subsection (c) once the grants have been awarded.

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