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Greenleaf Biofuels Establishes Operations at New Haven Terminal



Greenleaf Founder & CEO Gus Kellogg addresses the audience as COO Mark McCall and guests look on.

GREENLEAF BIOFUELS LLC, which is owned by Gus Kellogg, broke ground for its new facility at New Haven Terminal in early November. The event took place adjacent to the cleared building lot within New Haven Terminal, Inc.'s waterfront petroleum terminal and was attended by key financial partners, government officials and contractors. The 10 million gallon per year multi-feedstock bio-diesel plant will be the largest bio-fuel facility in New England and the first with deepwater and rail access. Founded in 2004, Greenleaf is headquartered in Guilford, Connecticut. For further information, please visit www.greenleafbiofuels.com.

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Maritime Matters In Washington by Mr. Paul Bea

At the risk of devaluing these reports, not to mention the title of this segment, sometimes one wonders whether maritime matters in Washington. But then I could say that of more than just the marine portfolio of government. The state of federal infrastructure and transportation policy is as shaky as some of the thousands of bridges that await repair in the US.

A senior member of the transportation committee who knows how Congress can be productive expressed his great disappointment to a gathering of people this morning about how little is getting done. This congressman who also plays a lead role on maritime issues offered little reason for optimism that things will change anytime soon. When asked about the FAA bill, which is important to him and his district, he acknowledged that maybe—just maybe—that bill has a chance of getting approved this year.

Why? Recall the August dust-up over FAA legislation. Congress recessed allowing the authority for aviation program spending to expire. FAA personnel were laid off except folks who are essential to keeping planes flying. Around the country airport projects stopped. After a couple weeks of headlines, head scratching, name calling and choice words the powers-that-be agreed to another short term extension of the aviation programs for the twenty-second time. Yes, you read that right. They were buying more time...again. For four years the House and Senate transportation committees (and party leadership) have not been able to resolve a manageable number of bill differences.



So why does the congressman think there is a chance this multi-billion dollar bill will finally get done? Because people were shocked at how bad things actually got. They couldn't believe that programs were allowed to shut down and thousands of public and private sector workers were laid off in a time of high unemployment.

He said, in effect, that maybe...finally...the inability of government to govern reached the point that Congress really embarrassed itself. They can't afford to let this FAA bill be extended for twenty-three or twenty-five times.

What does this have to do with maritime matters? Other transportation bills are waiting in the wings. The surface transportation law (SAFETEA-LU) expired in September 2009. New project funding and a freight policy are among the matters needing attention. Congress has yet to take up a water resources bill (WRDA) and a solution to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund has been too long in coming. Other measures to set infrastructure policy and funding have languished. States, cities and ports are unable to engage in project implementation without the assurance of funding. Navigation projects take years to bring to fruition. But then you know that.

If it takes more major embarrassments let's hope they get it out of their system sooner than later.

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Statewide Dredging Update

by Mr. Joseph R. Salvatore, Dredging Project Coordinator for the State of Connecticut, Joseph.Salvatore@ct.gov

Item #5 of the Sept. 23rd State Bond Commission:

The Department of Transportation Requested an Allocation and Bond Authorization from PA #57, 2011 Section 13(f) Total \$398,750.00. These funds are requested to finance dredging projects at various shoreline locations as detailed here. Guilford Town Marina Basin and Inner Channel \$198,750.00. Supported by State Senator Meyer. This project will also be used for cap material at Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site to cover private dredging projects.

Old Lyme Sediment Testing and Dredging Project Design for the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers, including boat launches and related marine facilities \$200,000.00. Supported by State Senators Daily and Stillman.

Connecticut Department of Transportation News

Release on an RFP issued for State Pier Management and Operations. DOT is entertaining proposals from interested qualified parties for the management and operation of the State Pier Facility located in New London. The Departments objective is to provide a port facility that enhances business and commerce in the State of Connecticut, and realizes acceptable revenue generation to the state that are consistent with good business practices. For the complete RFP and other related material please go to: www.ct.gov/dot

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