

Rebuttal to Briggs & Stratton's Advertisement In the 9/25/03 Roll Call

Regarding California's Efforts to Reduce Pollution from Small Engines and the Need for the Bond Amendment to the VA-HUD Appropriations Bill¹

Briggs and Stratton Advertisement Supporting the Bond Amendment	The Facts
22,000 manufacturing jobs will be lost, (based on need to redesign engines and plants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No engine redesign is needed • Better parts (leak-proof fuel tank and lines, small catalyst inside muffler) will reduce emissions sufficiently • CARB relaxed the exhaust standard at Brigg's request to reduce any possibility of need for engine redesign • Honda testified it could comply with no impact on jobs or production
<p>California deliberately exaggerated the Bond amendment's effects.</p> <p>Would have little effect on environment, only affecting about 1% of smog-forming emissions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no exaggeration; these are the facts: • Bond Amendment affects 6% of all smog-forming emissions • Bond Amendment affects 44% of toxic diesel soot emissions • Emission reductions from these engines are essential to achieving federally mandated clean air standards
Costs will double, hurting farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA doesn't regulate new farm equipment, so farmers won't be hurt • The small engine regulation for non-farm equipment will increase cost per piece of equipment on average by 10%
California rejected Briggs' constructive proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ On the contrary, CARB adopted an industry proposal supported by Briggs into its regulation
The Bond amendment clarifies U.S EPA's existing authority to set national standards for small engines used in farm and construction equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ California and other states do not set emission standards for farm and construction equipment. No clarification is needed ◆ The amendment takes away states' rights to reduce emissions from lawn care equipment, generators and forklifts ◆ The amendment takes away states' rights to clean up existing non-road diesel engines

¹The Bond amendment, adopted in the Senate Appropriations Committee, would preempt California and other states from reducing emissions from new or used engines, gasoline and diesel, under 175 horsepower.