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SIGMA ANTICIPATES HEATED CONFERENCE DEBATE:

Differing provisions in the House & Senate Energy Policy Set the Stage for the Ultimate Showdown—Marketers' Voices Need to be Heard.

WASHINGTON, June 28, 2005 – The Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) anticipates a heated debate between House and Senate conferees addressing controversial issues in The Energy Bill. The Senate passed this legislation on Tuesday by a vote of 85-12, moving the policy into the ultimate conference showdown, slated for mid-to-late July.

“The House and Senate versions of this legislation differ greatly and issues will need to be hammered out,” said Kenneth Doyle, SIGMA’s executive vice president, “specifically MTBE liability and the amount and distribution of tax incentives.”

There will be a lot on the line for motor fuel marketers during the upcoming conference debate and SIGMA encourages all motor fuel marketers to participate in this year’s Summer Legislative Meeting and Lobby Day on the Hill (July 19-20). Make your voice heard by being in Washington, D.C. at this pivotal decision-making opportunity—when legislators will duke it out on the pertinent issues that concern motor fuel marketers during the Energy Bill conference.

For more information, or to download a registration form, please go to SIGMA’s web site at www.sigma.org or call (703) 709-7000.

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The Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) is the premier national trade association representing independent motor fuel chain retailers and marketers, both branded and unbranded. Representing about 250 member companies, SIGMA's mission is to benefit its members by ensuring a free and unencumbered economic environment for the fully competitive marketing of motor fuels. For more information, contact SIGMA.

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