

Pratt & Whitney Statement on House Vote on May 27, 2010, Defeating a Provision to Strike Funding for the F136 Engine from the Fiscal 2011 Defense Authorization Bill

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"Pratt & Whitney is pleased with the action in the Senate Armed Services Committee which did not authorize the continued funding of the extra engine for the Joint Strike Fighter, and appreciate the support of Senator Lieberman (D/I-Conn.) on this important issue.

"We are aware that the House of Representatives voted not to support the administration and the Department of Defense's position of having the Pratt & Whitney F135 as the engine of choice for the Joint Strike Fighter. We recognize that the legislative process has just begun, and that the issue will continue to be debated for many months, and we appreciate the leadership of Representatives Larson (D-Conn.), Pingree (D-Maine) Rooney (R-Fla.) and Westmoreland (R-Ga.) during this important debate.

"The Pratt & Whitney F135 engine has completed more than 17,500 hours of test and achieved numerous milestones including vertical landing, government certification, delivery of flight test engine and delivery of first lot of production engines."