

WASHINGTON – Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, charged Boeing supporters with deliberately maneuvering in the last hours of Congress to sabotage the current tanker procurement process.

“Boeing’s supporters in Congress, having lost once already, unscrupulously worked to derail the Air Force’s tanker procurement process,” Congressman Bonner said. “Today’s underhanded effort to pass the so-called Level Defense Playing Field Act is yet another example of their indefensible and reprehensible tactics.

“With the Department of Defense set to award a contract early next year, the Boeing delegation’s continued politicization of this procurement will only further delay the delivery of long-overdue aerial refueling tankers to our warfighters who are protecting our freedom and projecting the power and might of the American military across the globe.

“The Boeing delegation’s arguments are specious, their tactics are dubious, and their true intentions are obvious to anyone paying attention.”

Congressman Bonner voted against the Boeing tanker delay legislation which passed the U.S. House Tuesday and now proceeds to the Senate, where passage is unlikely.