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TIA Seeking Financial Impact Data from Illegal Double Brokering

TIA is seeking to better understand the financial impacts of double-brokering on the 3PL industry and specifically, TIA Members. TIA uses the term “double brokering” in the sense of illegal brokerage activities. For example, a TIA Member hires a motor carrier to haul their customers’ freight, unbeknownst to the TIA Member the load is then re-brokered or “double brokered” out to another carrier. The carrier could have brokerage authority or not, but the contract clearly stated that the relationship was that of a broker and a carrier.

Any information you provide will directly contribute to the advocacy efforts of the TIA Government Affairs Team as we work towards ending this unlawful brokerage activity within the industry. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

If double-brokering is an issue affecting your business, please take this brief survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSLX83C>

Thank you for your time and support!

Senate Compromised Package Hits a Snag, but Outlook Remains Unclear

Last week, Senate Republicans blocked an attempt from the Majority leader Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) to begin debate on the compromised infrastructure framework that the “Gang of 21” and President Biden agreed on. This was done for the most part, because the legislative text has not been released and many Senate Republicans felt like the framework was not quite ready for primetime yet. After the vote was defeated to begin debate, Senators from both sides sat down and continued to meet to iron out the remaining details, with the hope that a package could be hammered out soon.

Nearly a month ago, the Members of the bipartisan group celebrated their framework with President Joe Biden at the White House. But drafting the legislation and funding has proven more complicated. Last week, GOP negotiators removed IRS enforcement as a financing mechanism, after it proved too toxic with the rest of the Republican caucus. Instead, the group is eyeing delaying a rule related to Medicare to help make up the difference in funding. In addition, negotiators have yet to finalize how they’ll distribute unused coronavirus relief funds.

As we have been reporting on the development of this infrastructure package over the previous weeks, we mentioned that there were going to be many twists and turns along the way. This latest failed vote is a perfect example of just that. But do not blink because there will be many more twists along the way...

Only 2 spots remain!

TIA Seeks to Change Narrative on CARB: Advanced Clean Truck Rule

As we have previously reported, the California Air Resources Board or CARB is in the process of developing a new regulation entitled, the “Advanced Clean Truck Rule.” This regulation will require trucking companies that operate in the state of California to purchase zero-emission vehicles over a phased-in over time. Additionally, there is a requirement on brokers that makes them “fleet owners” if they dispatch 50 or more trucks in the state. TIA representatives from the Environmental and Hazmat Committee met with CARB to educate them on why this is an unattainable goal and is outside the scope of our day-to-day operations. CARB keeps referencing the fact that “brokers control motor carriers,” which as we all know is not based in reality. While at the same time exempting all owner-operators from the rules or 90% of the carrier population.

In response to this massive overreach, TIA is seeking to change the narrative on this regulation by educating CARB and providing them a definition of “influence” to hopefully demonstrate to them that brokers do not control motor carriers and have no influence over the type of equipment that they are operating.

The regulation draft is expected to be released in September for review and final approval is expected in early 2022.

Q&A Session on 2021 TIA Policy Forum Upcoming

Do you have questions about TIA’s 2021 3PL policy forum? Join TIA’s Government Affairs team for a webinar that cover all aspects of the event. On August 11th at 12:00 EST please join us for this information session to answer all of your questions and leave you ready to meet with your Members of Congress!

Given the political tension that this Congress has brought correlated with the gridlock that ensues, it is more important than ever you join us in September in our Nation’s Capital. Congress needs to know about good legislation that won’t be caught in the fray of the political non-sense. With the thousands of Bills filed each Congress, we need public policy that cuts through the noise of D.C. politics. Legislation like a carrier selection process that comes at a time when 90% of carriers are unrated, inclusion into the C-TPAT program, and how the PRO Act would turn the supply chain on its head. We need TIA backed Bills to rise above the noise.

Last Congress, the Policy Forum single handedly brought our top priority legislation, H.R. 7457, from a bill with two sponsors to a piece of legislation that was actively being discussed on Capitol Hill. It was a total game changer.

The first step in all this is to join us for our Question-and-Answer session on August 11 th . You will leave the webinar feeling informed, prepared, and ready to join us in Washington D.C. Feel free to come to the webinar to listen and ask anything that is on your mind. We have heard all the questions from housing and lodging to agenda’s and talking with a Senator. Please join us!

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