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A few weeks ago, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee passed out of Committee the INVEST Act, setting up the next step of consideration on the House floor, which is happening this week. Before the floor vote, the legislation must go through House Rules Committee to determine the structure or the “rule” of the legislation and how the legislation will move forward.

The Amendment TIA supports, sponsored by Congressmen Gallagher, Moulton, Phillips, Stauber is Amendment #185, is up for a vote from the Rules Committee on whether or not it will be made in order or not. First and foremost, we hope this amendment is found in order, and able to be moved to the floor. There have been over 200 amendments filed for consideration and many of them will be voted down, to ensure timely consideration. The way our coalition predicts this will work out is the Rules Committee will establish three buckets: one of just Republican amendments, one for just Democratic amendments, and a final one for bi-partisan amendments. Our Legislation would fall under the third as we have two Democrats and two Republicans. In addition, we have support from Members from both political parties who did not co-sponsor but support the language proposed in Amendment #185.

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TIA has spent the last few weeks in Washington, D.C. focused on the Rules Committee vote and allowing ourselves to put our top priority legislation, onto the House floor for a vote. The meeting for this consideration is on Monday, June 28th at 3:00 PM EST. We believe our legislation is not only germane to the INVEST Act but a good public policy that should be signed into law. As we tell lawmakers weekly, the status quo is a failure and indefensible.

TIA President Biden & Bi-Partisan Group of Senators Reach Agreement or Did They...

Last week, a bi-partisan group of 21 Senators traveled to the White House in the hopes that a compromise could be reached on a nearly \$1 trillion infrastructure package. The package would include \$559 billion in new spending on roads, bridges and other traditional infrastructure projects. The White House and the group of 21 Senators spent a considerable amount of time discussing the pay for and Republicans have signaled that they would not support corporate tax rate increases, while Democrats have rejected proposals to index the gas tax and enact fees for electric vehicles. After the meeting, President Biden signaled his support for the package on Thursday, but than later backtracked his support and stated that he would support only if a much larger package package reached his desk through the reconciliation process. Signaling that the progressive wing of the party got to him.

It is important to note that Senator Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will support the deal or not. Senator Schumer has indicated that there are currently two tracks for this package, one with Republicans and a 2nd track that includes policies that have no chance of garnering Republican support. Point being even with President Biden's support it does not mean that Congress will support this package.

Furthermore, progressives have signaled that they plan to not support this package without the passage of a 2nd plan that provides funds for their priorities of child care and "human-infrastructure." Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has also indicated that they want the Senate to act first, and their package must include child care and climate provisions for them to support. All all of this politicking makes for an enormous complex process with a myriad of pitfalls that could slow or even derail the entire process.

This story is far from over and TIA Government Affairs will remain active on the issue and report back to Members on the happenings.

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C-TPAT Legislation Ready to Move Forward

TIA is proud to announce that we will have new supported legislation being rolled out in the coming weeks. Just on Friday, staff in the Office of Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) confirmed that they will be sponsoring legislation TIA strongly supports, along with Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Senator Tom Carper (D-DE). The bill will create a new pilot program in which DOT licensed property brokers will finally be able to be Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) certified. If this legislation were to become law, the Department of Homeland Security, specifically, the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will roll out a one-year program in which freight brokers will oblige to the Minimum Security Criteria (MSC). Following this program, after a year, CBP will present a report to Congress on the program and layout the next steps.

C-TPAT is a national security program that was implemented after 9/11. During its rollout, DOT licensed property brokers were intentionally skipped over as entities that could be eligible. This leaves a major gap in the supply chain but also puts our Members at a competitive disadvantage. We are proud to advocate in righting this wrong.

TIA thanks Senators Cornyn (R-TX), Scott (R-SC), Menendez (D-NJ), and Carper (D-DE) for moving forward with this legislation. For years, TIA members have been told they cannot be a part of this national security program because they do not contribute to the goal of the program, we believe this is inaccurate and a slap in the face of TIA members. Our members carefully select carriers, they are trying their best to end the scourge of human trafficking and much more.

For any questions on this new legislation, please inquire with advocacy@tianet.org.

TIA to Hold PAC-A-Thon on July 14th

The TIAPAC Board of Directors and the TIA Government Affairs Department will be hosting a live PAC-A-Thon on July 14th from 12:00 PM EST - 2:00 PM EST. The PAC-A-Thon will highlight what the TIAPAC is, the importance of the PAC, how it is used on Capitol Hill, why it is important to give, and highlight several key issues that TIA is focused on right now and leveraging our PAC dollars to help us education and advance our legislative goals.

There will also be some great giveaways for those folks that tune in for the event! 2021, is going to be a key year for the Association and the TIAPAC Board of Directors has established a disbursement plan of \$330k in PAC dollars to be given to Members of Congress who support the Association. We need every Member of TIA to get active with the Association and have your voice heard in Washington, DC and the TIAPAC is an effective way to achieve this.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact advocacy@tianet.org.