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House Rules Committee Derails MCSSS Amendment

Last week, the House Rules Committee met to discuss the "rules" of the debate on H.R. 3684, the INVEST Act of 2021 or the Surface Transportation Re-Authorization Bill on the House floor. One of the more than 200 amendments that were filed includes Amendment #185 offered by Congressmen Moulton (D-MA), Phillips (D-MN), Gallagher (R-WI), and Stauber (R-MN), which would implement an interim Motor Carrier Selection Standard (MCSSS) in two years if the FMCSA fails to implement a new motor carrier safety rating system. This amendment was a further compromise from the TIA-supported H.R. 3042 which placed the interim standard in place until the rule-making was completed.

TIA and our members have been working overtime the last month or so on this compromise and gaining as many supporters as possible. Our efforts paid off, but also cost us a chance to have this amendment considered on the House floor.

The Rules Committee ruled the amendment not in order, which is surprising as it had bi-partisan support and was certainly germane to the INVEST Act. Based on the information we received from the Committee, we were too close to passing this on the House floor that Speaker Pelosi and the Trial Bar was nervous and could not take a chance at this getting a vote. We are not giving up the fight on this issue and will continue to build a strong coalition to get this MCSSS into law.

TIA Government Affairs Department Hitting the Road with Regional Plug-In Event

In the coming months, as we move past a year of lock-downs and stay at home orders, TIA will be back on the road, branching out from our headquarters outside of Washington, D.C., to regions across the country. This is a vision of President & CEO Anne Reinke, along with our entire leadership team. Coming up in August, we welcome you to join us in Orlando, Florida for a lunch and meet and greet with TIA Members, in addition to a legislative update from our Government Affairs team.

This is a great opportunity to talk about issues of importance to you that are being addressed on Capitol Hill like Motor Carrier Selection, illicit dispatch services and motor carrier safety ratings. We look forward to direct feedback from Members, which will assist us in developing official policies to take to Washington, D.C. on your behalf.

Please let us know if you have any questions on this event. We would once again love for you to join us in Orlando, FL August 20 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST. Contact advocacy@tianet.org to RSVP today.

2021 TIA 3PL Policy Forum Legislative Priorities

With our policy forum a couple of months away, TIA is soliciting your help in determining what you would like to advocate for to Congress. We understand there is no shortage of issues that resonate with you, your employees or your business. TIA wants to select two issues that impact your business the most. Here are some different options that we could cement as our [2021 TIA 3PL Policy Forum](#) priorities and issues:

- The implementation of a new carrier rating system
- The need for a Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard
- The enforcement effort against illicit dispatch services
- Finally including DOT Licensed Property Brokers into the C-TPAT program
- Double brokering and its impact on safety in supply chain

These issues need to be the most important ones you feel impact your day-to-day business. It is so important that we have a successful Policy Forum. If you remember last Congress, we had the most co-sponsors ever on our top priority legislation as a direct result of your advocacy in our 2020 Policy Forum. Please provide feedback on what you would like to talk about at the [2021 TIA 3PL Policy Forum](#), taking place September 28-29 in Washington, D.C.

Only 3 Spots Remain!



TIA Updating Congressional Employment Numbers

In the coming days, staff with TIA will be soliciting information from our members relating to your employment numbers. We will be reaching out to members to determine the most up-to-date number of employees each company has and identify other regional offices throughout. This information is to better represent you on Capitol Hill, and will be used only to show your value to the district and the State. In our legislative meetings we not only explain our position on legislation, but we introduce you to these Congressional offices as constituents and businesses in the district. This helps us amplify our message because it puts real life information on the line for the policies we propose. That message goes farther than just the politics of the bill. Please be on the lookout for this request in the coming day. Be sure you respond as soon as possible to help us out on these important legislative issues.

Happy Independence Day!

From all of us at TIA, please have a great Fourth of July Holiday. Enjoy time with your friends, family and loved ones as we give thanks to everything this great country has done for us. HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

