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The Senate version of the Surface Transportation held a vote on a motion to proceed which passed 66-28. The legislation was released Friday afternoon and in a rare move was worked on during the weekend. Senators are approaching a full August recess coming up. Congress is set on passing both the bi-partisan agreement that is a more traditional infrastructure package, in addition to the so called “human infrastructure” which is the Democrats expanded definition of traditional infrastructure all before August 9th.

For TIA purposes, we are proud to announce today that we received multiple victories in this package.

Please keep in mind this is not final law yet. It needs to pass the Senate and the House of Representatives unscathed and be placed on President Biden’s desk. If the House changes the language, it will be sent back to the Senate for another round of votes.

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Here is what is included in the legislation:

- **Broker Guidance relating to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations:** this is a huge victory for TIA, the entirety of the supply chain and safety on our highways. TIA secured much needed clarity on the role of a “bona fide” agent versus a broker. These agents have been soliciting freight and acting as brokers but with one major difference, they lack both the authority to do so and the financial backing that is so important to safety.
- **National Consumer Complaint Database Review:** this entails a full sweeping review of complaints coming into the database and the pursuant action taken to follow up on these. The language calls for a review of trends of certain reports and who the reporting entity is in the supply chain. This comes after TIA has made substantial strides internally to push members to file more complaints about double brokering with the FMCSA, with the language in this legislation, filing complaints is now more important than ever.
- **Apprenticeship Pilot Program:** TIA has long been a champion for increasing the driver pool and mitigating this terrible truck driver shortage that hurts everyone in the supply chain. The driver shortage increases rates, increases prices for consumers and most important decreases safety. This program will begin the process of pairing skilled, experienced drivers with drivers under the age of 21 to train a new generation of American Truck Drivers.

This process can be extremely frustrating for industry leaders like TIA, the public who watch the news only to learn about a dysfunctional Washington, D.C. and even the lawmakers who are elected to represent millions of people find themselves voting on issues with just hours to prepare on the subject.

TIA is proud to have secured these victories for its more than 1,600 member companies.

TIA Proud to Support the Congressional Blue Dogs

TIA is proud to support the House Blue Dog Caucus. This important caucus is made up of 19 Congressional Democrats that are moderate, business minded, fiscally conservative, and support common sense policy. These members of Congress work with anyone, including Republicans to pass policies that are supported by the majority of the country. Their website reads, “They are pragmatic Democrats, appealing to the mainstream values of the American public. The Blue Dogs are dedicated to pursuing fiscally-responsible policies, ensuring a strong national defense, and transcending party lines to get things done for the American people.”

Last week TIA showed support for the Blue Dog Democrats at a coffee and networking event and a few weeks ago at a retreat with TIA Vice President of Government Affairs Chris Burroughs and TIAPAC Chairman Ken Clark, TIA staff met with several Members of the Blue Dogs, including, Representatives: Kurt Schrader (D-5th/OR), Josh Gottheimer (D-5th/NJ), Lou Correa (D-46th/CA) and many others. TIA works with all parties to ensure we move our priorities forward and with both chambers of Congress controlled by Democrats, there is no better group than the Blue Dog Caucus. Representative Schrader and Gottheimer both support H.R. 3042, the “Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard Act,” our top priority legislation.

Registration is Open for the 2021 TIA Policy Forum

Whether you are a seasoned veteran to the [2021 TIA 3PL Policy Forum](#) (Policy Forum) or a potential first-time attendee, join fellow TIA Members in helping shape the future of the industry in the nation's capital. The 2021 Policy Forum will take place September 28-29, 2021, and will be a hybrid event featuring in-person and virtual registration options. Hear from guest speakers such as Sarah Fagen, CEO of Deep Root analytics for an exclusive 2022 election outlook. As well as join TIAPAC's special event guest West Virginia state Senator, Shelley Moore Capito, during the exclusive [TIA 2021 Policy Forum PAC Event](#).

Over 100 TIA Members participated in the 2019 Policy Forum, where they met with over 200 Members of Congress and their staff to support the 3PL industry, the Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard, and the USMCSA trade deal. Very few groups in Washington, DC rival the strong support which TIA receives from its members or hold as many one-on-one meetings as possible with the Members of Congress themselves. If interested in attending, [please register here](#).

Please Note: TIA Staff provides seamless service to all TIA Members who attend, personally handling all the scheduling for your virtual Capitol Hill meetings on their behalf.

New Direction for the TIA Young Executives Committee

This past week, TIA Staff met with members of the TIA Young Executives Committee to discuss the future endeavors of the committee. The discussion provided much needed and productive feedback as TIA looks to revamp the purpose, impact, and engagement of the committee internally with TIA. The TIA Young Executives Committee will be moving forward with an open-forum foundational approach, as well as more involvement with the TIA Board of Directors. Suggestions for involvement included: shadowing a Board Meeting, increasing networking opportunities between the Board and Committee, as well as establishing a future leadership program which would illustrate how to handle potential industry situations from a Board Member perspective.

The TIA Young Executives Committee is also looking to increase the accountability and expectations of its members through more established guidelines and an application process. The participation and engagement of members are key for the success of the Committee and TIA.

If this sounds like an opportunity that interests you, please express interest in applying to join the Committee by emailing advocacy@tianet.org. We look forward to your participation and helping to promote your further professional development!

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