

PMAA SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT



PMAA's Executive Committee is pleased to announce they have chosen Rob Underwood to serve as the next President of PMAA effective Saturday, May 16, 2015. Underwood has been with PMAA since 2007 as its Director of Government Relations. He has played a key role in developing and implementing PMAA's legislative and regulatory agenda. "I am extremely excited about this opportunity to serve as President and I look forward to working with PMAA's Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and its 48 state and regional associations to move this great federation forward," Underwood said. Current PMAA President Dan Gilligan will be retiring later this year.

"Rob's experience, resourcefulness and enthusiasm have been an asset in advancing our government relations agenda and I am sure he will demonstrate those same qualities serving as President. I look forward to working with Rob over the next several months to ensure a smooth transition," said outgoing PMAA President Dan Gilligan.

"Rob understands the unique challenges petroleum marketers and their state associations face in the years ahead and I have a lot confidence in him," said PMAA Chairman Grady Gaubert. "PMAA's search process was comprehensive and exhaustive over the past four months. We were fortunate to interview so many excellent candidates, all of whom could have served PMAA well. The committee wanted to make sure we picked the best possible executive and I believe Rob has the skill set, knowledge, and attitude to become an excellent President," said Search Committee Chairman Mark McBride.

Rob is a native of Georgia and earned his BA degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining PMAA in 2007, Rob worked for U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA).

SENATE COMPLETES BUDGET VOTE-A-RAMA

Early this morning the Senate passed S.1, the Budget Resolution Act, on a largely party line vote of 52-46. The day long charade resulted in passage of numerous unbinding amendments. Budgets don't become law, but they set the overall funding levels that are used by appropriators. The amendments serve to show what the Senate might be capable of approving this Congress. Most of all the votes serve members in gaining political points.

S. 1 includes an amendment passed by a vote of 59-41, which would require paid sick leave for workers who have earned the time. This amendment to the Budget Act does not have the force of law but is a test of support among the Senate.

Another amendment of significance is a Republican amendment to let states opt out of the EPA's climate rule for power plants. The amendment to place a ban on the withholding of highway funds from states that refuse to submit implementation plans for the EPA's upcoming power plant rules passed 57-43. Still, an amendment "promoting national security, economic growth, and public health by addressing human-induced climate change through increased use of clean energy, energy efficiency, and reductions in carbon pollution" passed 53-47 with seven Republicans supporting the language.

The Senate also passed via voice vote an amendment endorsing a change in the definition of full time employee under the Affordable Care Act. The change is strongly supported by PMAA as it would change the definition from 30 to 40 hours for qualification as a full time employee.

An amendment calling for the permanent repeal of the estate tax was passed via an all Republican vote. An amendment to raise the minimum wage was also defeated.

The House approved its \$3.8 trillion fiscal 2016 budget on Wednesday in a 228-199 vote with 17 Republicans voting against it and no Democrats voting in favor of the GOP budget.

Following the Budget Act vote, Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) passed the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act, S. 535, a small version of the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act, S. 720. S. 535 covers buildings and grid-enabled water heaters and S. 720 also covered industrial efficiency.

SENATE APPROVES WATERS OF THE U.S. AMENDMENT

Yesterday, the Senate passed by 59-40 an amendment to the Senate Budget Resolution to require a rewrite of the proposed rule clarifying Clean Water Act jurisdiction over waters. The amendment would direct the agencies to coordinate with the states in rewriting the rule. Although the vote on the Budget Resolution is nonbinding, passage does show support for the change in the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers April 2014 proposed rule.

PMAA reported recently that Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) invited EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to Iowa to talk about the proposed Clean Water Act jurisdictional rule and the impacts the regulation would have on her state. The Senator wants the EPA Administrator to see who might be impacted by redefining the rule, in particular, the industries such as biofuel producers who would be damaged. Now Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) has also asked the EPA to do the same during a hearing yesterday before the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Last year, PMAA joined with a coalition representing a broad range of businesses, industries, and commercial interests to voice strong opposition to the revised definition of "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) proposed by EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE). Many petroleum marketers with bulk storage will be adversely affected by the revised definition. At the most fundamental level, the proposal as written represents an unjustified expansion of Clean Water Act jurisdiction far beyond the limits of federal regulation explicitly established by Congress and affirmed by the courts. The proposal would, for the first time, give federal agencies direct authority over land use decisions that Congress has intentionally preserved to the States. It would intrude so far into traditional State and local land use authority that it is difficult to imagine that Congress intended this outcome.

HIGHWAY FUNDING SHORT TERM FIX ALMOST CERTAIN

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) continues to work with House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) on another short term extension of the Highway Trust Fund. Congressman Ryan reports that if tax reform is going to be a part of the highway bill, then the committees will need more time than the May 31 expiration of funds will allow.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) is assuming there will be a patch and has given his panel until May 31 to identify a long-term funding mechanism.

In years past, Congress has partially funded the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) with transfers from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund leaving \$447 million in the coffers now. PMAA is concerned that Congress may raid the fund again to pay for a short-term extension. The LUST Fund should be used solely to support UST leak prevention and remediation programs and PMAA plans to make sure our concerns are heard.

SENATE TO BEGIN DRAFTING ENERGY BILL SOON

The Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee are working to create a new comprehensive energy bill this year. The last comprehensive energy bill to be signed into law was the Energy and Security Independence Act of 2007.

Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-WA) see that the nation is at another critical point in the need for an updated energy policy. Since 2007, the shale oil boom, a shift to more crude transport via train, an aging fleet of nuclear reactors and advancements in renewables, have created an extremely different energy environment. It is unlikely that the Senate energy bill will address the Keystone XL Pipeline, ending the U.S. crude oil export ban and reforming the RFS.

Meanwhile, the House Energy and Commerce Committee has already released an outline for a series of energy bills they plan to release over the next few months. The bills will address modernization of energy infrastructure and PMAA will be working to make sure the provisions are fuel neutral. PMAA submitted comments to the House Energy and Commerce Committee in response to the Committee seeking feedback on the rapidly changing energy market. PMAA focused on the current oil export ban, the outdated Jones Act, ethanol's competitiveness with traditional motor fuels and fuel neutral policies.

Although a comprehensive energy bill is not likely to pass the Congress, PMAA will continue to make certain that marketers' interests are heard.

PMAA MEMBER TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

On Tuesday, Howard Peterson of Peterson's Oil Service in Worcester, Massachusetts testified on behalf of his company, the New England Fuel Institute (NEFI), and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) regarding reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The hearing was held before the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit Subcommittee.

Also present for the hearing was PMAA Heating Fuels Committee Chair Sharon Peterson who was instrumental in preparing testimony for the hearing.

Peterson asked Congress to strengthen fraud and manipulation prevention and penalties, to allow the CFTC to finalize position limits, to adequately fund the Commission, and to keep legitimate hedgers who take physical delivery from being weighed down in regulations that are meant for the Wall Street banks.

Authorization for the CFTC lapsed in September 2013. The House Agriculture Committee began its series of hearings relating to the oversight and reauthorization of the CFTC in February, when it heard from CFTC Chairman Timothy Massad.

Other witnesses on the hearing panel were: Douglas Christie of Cargill Cotton Testifying on behalf of the Commodity Markets Council; Lael Campbell of Constellation, an Exelon Company on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Lisa Cavallari of Russell Investments on behalf of the American Benefits Council and Mark Maurer of INTL FCStone Markets, LLC.

VISA INCIDENT RESPONSE WEBINAR ON APRIL 15 FROM 1:00PM-2:00PM ET

On Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00am Pacific Time, Visa will host a free webinar discussing a critical component of an organization's data security playbook—the incident response plan. Identifying, containing and remediating any electronic security incident is crucial to coordinating resources, minimizing IT downtime and mitigating active exfiltration to reduce the impact of a data breach. Having a comprehensive incident response plan in place can help an organization be prepared to respond to an attack and further protect payment environments, potentially control costs and reduce damage to its reputation.

This webinar will discuss how to create, develop and institute an effective plan, and will explore common incident response gaps that could significantly affect an organization's ability to recover quickly from a security incident. In addition, one of the leading firms specializing in cyber security, compliance and incident response will be in attendance and presenting its real-world best practices.

This one-hour webinar will be presented in English only and will not be rebroadcast in other languages. Participants must attend via computer. Attendance is limited to 1,000 individuals, and registration is required. To register, click [here](https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1003435137/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_registration.html?sco-id=1539728296) (https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1003435137/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_registration.html?sco-id=1539728296).

Note: The username and password created at registration will be necessary to access the webinar on the day of the event.

Should you have any additional questions on this webinar or any other petroleum solutions, please contact PMAA's [Worldpay](#) Executive Client Manager, Glenda Preen at 972.325.1801.

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June 2 – 4, 2015 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention – Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana
June 22 – 25, 2015 - Washington (WOMA) Convention – Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, Washington
August 5 – 7, 2015 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Lodge - Sun Valley, Idaho
August 17-19, 2015 – New Mexico (NMPMA) - Marriott Pyramid North – Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 15-17, 2015 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Park City Marriott - Park City, Utah
August 3 – 5, 2016 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Coeur d'Alene Resort - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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