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WPMA OFFICE CLOSED JULY 24 FOR STATE HOLIDAY

The WPMA office will close Monday, July 24 to allow staff to recognize the Utah state holiday, Pioneer Day. The holiday is to celebrate the history and heritage of Utah. It is an opportunity for residents to come together, participate in various festivities, and appreciate the state's cultural diversity and rich legacy.

The following information provided by:
EMA-Energy Marketers of America

**INSIDE THE BELTWAY**

Before getting into this week's federal update, we wanted to flag an update on the "Credit Card Competition Act of 2023," which Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Roger Marshall (R-KS) are pushing to have included as an amendment to the Senate's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). As you know, the legislation, which was introduced in the U.S. House and Senate, would simply require credit cards issued by the largest U.S. banks have at least two unaffiliated card payment networks available to process transactions. If Sens. Durbin and Marshall are successful, the amendment could come up for a vote as soon as next Wednesday. While it's unclear if this will come to fruition, we want to ensure our members know where we stand, and that's why we are urging you to contact your Senators now to explain how credit card fees hit your businesses and encourage them to support a potential amendment.

Should a vote not happen next week, we encourage you to continue your outreach over the coming August recess when members will be at home to let them know that you want them to cosponsor this legislation.

[COSPONSOR S. 1838/H.R. 3881](#)

Like last week, Congress continues to barrel through a significant amount of legislation ahead of its August recess. House and Senate Appropriators both worked through their annual funding legislation for a number of the 12 subcommittees, including: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD); Interior and Environment; and Energy and Water. While both Committees are moving ahead with their respective legislation, they're very far apart on the contents. As a result, House and Senate appropriations staff will have a lot of ground to cover before they reconvene in September to make a push towards the end of the Fiscal Year (or, more likely, a continuing resolution). As we noted last week, the House bill includes several policy riders that will likely have a hard time traveling through the Democratically controlled Senate, including provisions barring the Department of Transportation from implementing some of its DEI and eco-focused policy proposals.

In the House, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Sam Graves (R-MO) and Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA) can breathe a sigh of relief now that their FAA bill has passed and been sent to the Senate. According to Larsen, the bill "hastens the transition to more sustainable fuels, implements key safety measures, and bolsters accessibility and consumer protections for all passengers." The measure, which passed the House, requires the FAA to develop a plan to transition away from unleaded fuel by 2030. Across the Capitol, the Senate adopted an amendment to the NDAA that will bar China from purchasing oil from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Aside from active legislation, this week, the EPA has received two letters from lawmakers seeking to both expedite and halt environmental protections. First, a group of 95 members of the House and Senate wrote urging the agency to implement the stricter emissions limits originally proposed in April, and to do so with even steeper emissions limits, which would result in closer to 70 percent of vehicles being EVs by 2032—stricter than the proposed 67 percent. At the same time, on Tuesday, 30 representatives – both democrats and republicans – wrote EPA to express concern about a portion of this regulation, that would require 25 percent of new heavy-duty trucks to be electric by 2032. The second letter urged EPA to "consider real-world availability and the speed that we can build the required ZEV infrastructure." In addition, a handful of smaller refiners are suing the EPA after it failed to issue the group waivers from biofuel blending requirements. The refiners are calling the EPA's denials "arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to law." Under President Biden, the EPA has not issued exemptions to any refiner, large or small.

THE MAIN STREET TAX CERTAINTY ACT RE-INTRODUCED

On July 18, the Main Street Tax Certainty Act was re-introduced by Representatives Lloyd Smucker (R-PA) and Henry Cuellar (D-TX) in the House, joining the Senate counterpart S. 1706, which was introduced by Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) in May.

Earlier this year EMA joined other business groups in a [letter](#) to strongly support the Senate introduction of the Main Street Tax Certainty Act of 2023, legislation to make permanent the 20-percent deduction for small- and individually-owned businesses (Section 199A). The legislation would provide certainty to the millions of S corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships that rely on the Section 199A deduction to remain competitive.

The more quickly Congress acts to make Section 199A permanent, the sooner Main Street businesses will benefit.

TIRED OF DELAYED IRS TAX REFUNDS?

Recently, the Energy Marketers of America (EMA) announced an exclusive member service agreement with ThinkTrade, an IRS authorized e-filing service provider and a BBB accredited company with A+ rating, enabling safe and secured filing for taxpayers. ThinkTrade will grant EMA member companies a 15 percent discount off ThinkTrade's e-filing services through a dedicated landing page to prepare, file and pay federal excise tax returns on IRS Forms 720, 8849 and 2290.

[**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THINKTRADE
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EMA'S FALL MEETING AT THE NACS SHOW 2023 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 2-3 at Courtland Grand Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham (formerly Sheraton). The EMA meeting will begin with a New Attendee Orientation mid-afternoon on October 2 followed by the Federal Legislative Update. NACS/EMA Reception Salute to State Association Executives (all EMA members are welcome) will follow at Georgia World Congress Center Hunter Club Lounge. On the morning of October 3, there will be a Buffet Breakfast followed by Region and Committee Meetings. The EMA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled after the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon honoring Arkansas Marketer Steve Turner exclusively sponsored by [EMA Board of Directors Council Partner Federated Insurance](#).

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***Please note that the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.*

EMA MEMBERS CODE FOR NACS SHOW 2023 REGISTRATION

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EMA Registration Code

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WEEKEND READS

[**Biden Rejects Oil Refineries Seeking Biofuel-Blending Exemptions | Bloomberg**](#)

[**Dollar General violated worker rights and federal law amid union efforts, labor judge rules**](#)

[**The rise and fall of gas prices in election years | Fox News**](#)

[**Oil groups aim to stymie US electric vehicle push | Argus Media**](#)

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August 2-4, 2023 – IPM&CSA Idaho Convention – Sun Valley Resort – Sun Valley, ID

August 21-23, 2023 - NMPMA New Mexico Convention - Sandia Resort - Albuquerque, NM

October 25-27, 2023 - UPMRA Utah Convention - Hilton Garden Inn - St. George, UT

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



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Click [here](#) to to see Schedule of Events for the IPM&CSA Convention held August 2-4 at Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, ID.

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UTAH CONVENTION

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