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WPMA MOURNS THE LOSS OF FORMER CO-WY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE ROY TURNER



We are deeply saddened to pass along the news that the family of Roy A. Turner announces his passing at his home in Arvada on June 14, 2021, at the age of 78 years old. Roy will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 45 years Kathy Turner, daughters Christi Krenke and Melissa Shearer, sons Don Turner & R.J. Turner (daughter-in-law Jen Turner), fourteen grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Roy was born and raised in Edgewater, CO. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Edgewater and attended Colorado University in Pueblo. After college, Roy worked for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. He then joined the Coors Brewery Company, where he had management positions in legislative affairs, sales and production, for eighteen years. He was chief lobbyist for the corporation for 8 years.

Roy was Executive Vice President for Colorado-New Mexico-Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association for twenty-six years and was instrumental in passing the underground storage tank legislation in the tri-state region, providing clean-up funds for association marketers.

He was a little league soccer, basketball and baseball coach and served as the vice president on the Arvada Junior Baseball Board. His hobbies included target shooting, fishing, camping/RVing, bowling, golfing, and spending time with his family.

Roy will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

Negotiations continue in the Senate for a bipartisan infrastructure agreement. Though Senate Republicans blocked a motion to advance the framework this week, lead GOP negotiators have assured Democrats that Republicans will be ready to proceed next week. According to negotiators, nearly every major issue has been resolved, with the exception of transit funding. Eighty percent of transit funding typically goes to highways, with the remaining 20 percent going to public transit, but Republicans are reportedly trying to increase the share devoted to highways. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) said the group of twenty bipartisan negotiators needed the weekend to finalize certain provisions and prepare a summary in advance of a vote next week. President Biden and the White House are supportive of the timeline and are confident that an agreement will be reached. Should a bipartisan agreement not be reached, Senate Democrats are prepared to fold the \$600 billion from the bipartisan framework into a larger reconciliation package that would only be able to pass with Democratic support.

On July 21, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T&I) Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OR), joined by thirty House Democrats, sent a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) advocating for various provisions from the House-passed INVEST in America Act to be included in BIF. On July 20, Rep. DeFazio also circulated a Dear Colleague letter outlining the key difference between the House and Senate's surface transportation bills, specifically highlighting the discrepancy in climate spending.

WHITE HOUSE FURTHER DELAYS 2021 RFS BLENDING MANDATES

Bill Introduced to Eliminate RFS Ethanol Mandate

The Biden Administration has delayed the EPA's proposed RFS biofuel blending mandates for 2021 and possibly 2022 pending a decision how to address the competing interests of the ethanol and oil industries and their political backers. The RFS divides Democrats and Republicans along regional lines that pit Midwestern biofuels supporters against biofuel supporters against and backers of the oil industry who believe ethanol is bad for the environment. Complicating the process is razor thin support in the Senate for the pending infrastructure package that the White House worries could be used as leverage if the RFS blending mandates were to be released sooner than later. The EPA is required by law to set RFS blending mandates by November 30th each year for the following year's obligations. However, the EPA has not submitted its proposed blending mandates to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) which typically takes 90 days to sign off on proposed regulations. Presidential election politics together with the difficulty of establishing 2021 blending mandates based on skewed gasoline consumption data from 2020 due to COVID were initially responsible for EPA's delay. Nevertheless, the agency expected to propose blending mandates this spring. But that deadline was missed as well due to the EPA's need to sort out three significant court rulings, one from the Supreme Court and two from the U.S. Court of Appeals, that bear directly on the RFS blending volumes. Due to the time required for OMB review and the mandatory notice and public comment period, it is likely the EPA may delay release of proposed 2021 blending mandates until November 30th when 2022 volumes are announced.

Underscoring the political complexity of the RFS, Sens. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ) introduced a bill on July 20 to eliminate "implied" corn ethanol mandate under the RFS. The RFS program does not explicitly mandate corn ethanol, but most of the program's overall requirement is still satisfied by a de facto 15 billion gallons corn ethanol statutory volume. The senators want to end that mandate and move to renewable fuels providing greater reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

EMA AGAIN JOINS COALITION IN LETTERS OPPOSING MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE INCREASE

This week, EMA joined a coalition in letters to [Senate Democratic Leadership](#) and [Senate Republican Leadership](#) urging them not to include language that would increase the minimum liability insurance requirements for motor carriers. Such language was included in the recently passed House INVEST in America Act highway bill but was not included in the Senate Commerce Committee's highway bill. The letter encourages senators to keep the language out of the final senate highway bill, and out of the final conferenced bill.

The House bill would increase minimum liability insurance requirements for motor carriers by 167 percent from the current level of \$750,000 to \$2,000,000. Federal research has demonstrated such a change is entirely unnecessary, would do nothing to improve highway safety, would needlessly jeopardize countless blue-collar jobs, and destroy many small, family-owned businesses. Raising insurance minimums for countless businesses engaged in trucking would undoubtedly cause many to shutter, leading to the loss of American jobs at the worst time possible. This policy clearly does not belong in legislation that is designed to rebuild our infrastructure and encourage economic growth.

Although the minimum increase would not directly impact petroleum carriers, it would set a precedent that could lead to an increase in requirements for marketers down the road. EMA will continue to oppose efforts to raise minimum liability insurance.

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Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m. CT

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August 4-6, 2021 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Resort - Sun Valley, ID

August 23-25, 2021 - New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention - Sandia Resort & Casino - Albuquerque, NM

September 2, 2021 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Teton Valley PAC Fund Golf - Teton Reserve GC - Victor, ID

September 15-17, 2021 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Sheraton Park City Hotel - Park City, UT

February 22-24, 2022 – WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel– Las Vegas, NV

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Petro Pete: “Money doesn’t change you... It reveals who you are when you no longer have to be nice.”

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