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## **WPMA MARKETER MEMBERS - WE NEED YOUR VOTE!**

### **WPMA NEEDS THE VOTE OF EVERY MARKETER MEMBER!**

If you have not voted, thinking your vote does not matter - Your VOTE is needed now! At the June 13, 2014 WPMA Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to revise the WPMA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles revisions will clean up some grammatical issues and clarify the different classes of Membership. The Bylaws revisions will clean up grammatical issues, change the title of the Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer, define committees, add Section 12 (Operational Agreements between WPMA and the state associations), and revise the amendment process requiring 2/3 vote of the entire membership, to requiring 2/3 vote of the WPMA Board of Directors.



Each member has been sent an e-mail with instructions on where and how to vote. If you have not received this e-mail please contact the WPMA offices. (Associate members are not voting members of WPMA.)

### **NEW SNAP POS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TAKE EFFECT SOON**

Earlier this year, Congress passed and the President signed into law The Farm Bill which included changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Starting September 21, 2014, retailers who redeem SNAP benefits will no longer be offered free Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) equipment, supplies and related services.

Retailers who became SNAP-authorized after March 21, 2014 are required to pay for their own EBT equipment and services. Retailers who became authorized on or before March 21, 2014, and who have already been given no-cost EBT equipment and services by the State may, at the State's option, continue to use the EBT equipment and services at no-cost until September 21, 2014. Such SNAP-authorized retailers should arrange for the lease or purchase of EBT equipment and services as soon as possible in order to ensure continued participation in SNAP. Some states may provide retailers who use no-cost EBT equipment and services with further instructions and deadlines.

Please visit the USDA FNS EBT [website](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/how-accept-snap-benefits-your-store) (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/how-accept-snap-benefits-your-store>) or contact your state EBT office for more information.

### **DELAYS NEEDED FOR NEW OZONE STANDARDS**

This week, Senator John Thune (R-SD), along with several other GOP Senators, introduced legislation known as "The Clean Air, Strong Economies Act" (CASE Act) to block the EPA from revising its ozone standard downward until 85 percent of the current nonattainment counties comply with the current standard. Reps. Pete Olson (R-TX) and Bob Latta (R-OH) introduced companion legislation in the House. A designated volatility nonattainment area is an area that is designated as being in nonattainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone which requires, in many cases, reformulated gasoline (RFG) or a lower Reid vapor pressure (RVP) for gasoline.

Senator Thune's bill follows other efforts to delay changes to ozone standards. Earlier this year, Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) introduced the "Ozone Regulatory Delay and Extension of Assessment Length (ORDEAL) Act (S. 2514) which would extend EPA's timeline for reviewing and updating NAAQS from five years to ten years. The bill would also block EPA from enforcing any new ozone standard until 2018.

EPA is under court order to issue a proposed rule to either revise or retain the current standard by December 1, 2014 and it's likely a standard between 60 ppb to 70 ppb would be proposed compared to the current 75 ppb standard. If the standard is eventually lowered, it would force more counties into non-attainment, and therefore, requiring RFG and lower RVP gasoline which would increase the cost of motor fuels.

PMAA believes the economic consequences from a new ozone standard would be severe while the value of moving towards a lower ozone standard is not backed by scientific evidence. An overly stringent ozone standard would create bottlenecks and chaos in the gasoline marketplace. PMAA supports the ORDEAL Act and the CASE Act.

## EPA AUTHORITY TO GARNISH WAGES

A 1990s law, known as the "Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996," giving federal agencies authority to garnish up to 15 percent of a worker's wages to pay debts owed to the federal government without a court order has come under Congressional scrutiny after EPA first proposed a regulation this summer to implement the law. Since 1996, some 30 federal agencies have given themselves garnishment wage power. What is concerning to House and Senate conservatives and stakeholders alike is suddenly EPA is attempting to use the 1996 law to collect fines enforced by the potential onslaught of EPA regulations during the last two years of the Obama Administration.

Senators John Thune (R-SD) and Mike Johanns (R-NE), along with eight other Senate Republicans, introduced legislation this week to prevent EPA from moving forward with any proposal to collect fines and other debts directly from an individual's wages without court approval. "With the avalanche of new regulations being issued, I find it troubling EPA is now seeking authority to garnish wages without a court order," Sen. Mike Johanns (R-NE) said in a statement. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Ranking Member David Vitter (R-LA) also sent a [letter](http://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/Vitter.Letter.pdf) (<http://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/Vitter.Letter.pdf>) this summer to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy objecting to the proposal.

## HOUSE PASSES COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY BILL

### **Senate Unlikely to Act**

This week, the House passed the "American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act" (H.R. 2) sponsored by Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) which packages together several energy bills previously passed by the House earlier this year. It is unlikely Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) will allow the legislation to be considered. Meanwhile, the Obama Administration issued a statement that it would veto the legislation if passed by Congress.

The package includes "The Northern Route Approval Act" (H.R. 3) which would approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline without the President's consent and would also limit litigation aimed to delay the construction process; "The Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act" (H.R. 1900) which would expedite the federal review process for natural gas pipeline permits; "The North American Energy Infrastructure Act" (H.R. 3301) which would create a more modern and efficient cross-border approval process for oil pipelines, natural gas pipelines, and electric transmission lines that will ensure energy projects do not get bottled up in regulatory red tape as the Keystone XL pipeline has witnessed in recent years; the "Energy Consumers Relief Act" (H.R. 1582) which would prohibit EPA from finalizing any new energy related regulation costing more than one billion dollars if its deemed to have an adverse effect on the U.S. economy; "The Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act," (H.R. 6) sponsored by Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO) which would expedite the Department of Energy's approval of domestic LNG exports.

Meanwhile, Senators John Hoeven (R-ND), Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), and Joe Manchin (D-WV) introduced companion legislation to the House-passed "North American Energy Infrastructure Act" (H.R. 3301). Specifically, the bill would eliminate the Presidential Permit requirement for construction or modification of oil and natural gas pipelines and electric transmission facilities that crosses the U.S. border and instead places the process in the proper agencies. It would require the State Department to issue a "certificate of crossing" on a cross-border pipeline permit within 120 days upon completion of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) unless the cross-border segment is not in the "public interest" of the U.S. determined by the agency.

## CONGRESS APPROVES GOVERNMENT FUNDING THRU MID DECEMBER

This week Congress passed a continuing resolution to keep government running through December 11.

President Obama is expected to sign the legislation which will keep government running at current levels.

The CR (H. J. Res. 124) was approved Thursday by the Senate on a 78-22 vote after debate that mirrored one that occurred in the House on Wednesday. The Senate's action was one of the last planned to take place before the Senate and House Lawmakers are due back in the Capitol on November 12, 2014 for a lame-duck session.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2015

**February 17 – 19, 2015**-WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

**May 14 – 15, 2015**- Nevada (NPM&CSA) **BIG DOGS4** – Red Rock Hotel & Casino, Nevada

**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

### 2016

**August 3 – 5, 2016** - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Coeur d'Alene Resort - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

## 2015 WPMA CONVENTION & CONVENIENCE STORE EXPO – LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Don't Miss **Frank Caliendo**, comedian/actor/impressionist as Wednesday Keynote during the WPMA Convention. Mark your calendars for February 17-19, 2015. Make plans now to attend the 2015 WPMA Convention and Convenience Store Expo. It will be held once again at the Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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