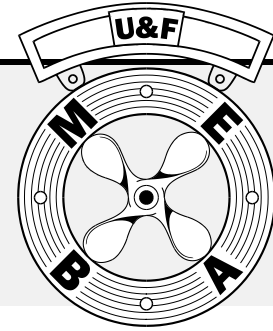


LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The November election resulted in a Congress that looks far different than it ever has. As you know, Democrats took over the House, and both political parties changed in significant ways that will likely affect the way business is done in Washington. As the Majority, Democrats will have control over those Committees affecting maritime policy. Chairman Adam Smith (D-WA) and Ranking Member Mac Thornberry (R-TX) will head up the House Armed Services Committee which notably has jurisdiction over the Maritime Security Program, as well as any "new build" and recapitalization issues impacting the maritime schools' training ships. Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Ranking Member Sam Graves (R-MO) lead the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T&I) which has jurisdiction over the majority of issues important to the U.S.-flag industry, including the Coast Guard, the Jones Act and MarAd. Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) chairs the House Appropriations Committee along with her Republican counterpart Kay Granger (R-TX). The Committee oversees MSP funding. Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MI) and Ranking Member Mike Rogers (R-AL) head up the House Homeland Security Committee which has jurisdiction over ports under the Marine Transportation Security Act and other maritime security issues.

We are still awaiting the announcement of House Subcommittee leadership appointments including Chairs for the Armed Services Committee's Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee (expected to be Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.)) and T&I's Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Subcommittee.

In the Senate, Richard Shelby (R-AL) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) will oversee the Senate Appropriations Committee. Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MI) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-WA) have the reigns of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Importantly, a new Subcommittee has been established under the Committee that will have jurisdiction over many of our issues. The Security Subcommittee will provide oversight of the Merchant Marine, Maritime Administration, Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration and other national security issues including cybersecurity. It will be headed up by Chairman Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Ranking Member Ed Markey (D-MA).