
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Senate Committee Advances MarAd Nominee - On Feb. 2, the Senate Commerce Committee favorably advanced Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, USN (Ret), appointed by President Biden, to serve as the next U.S. Maritime Administrator. During her 31 years on active duty, Rear Admiral Phillips commanded a Destroyer, Destroyer Squadron and Amphibious Strike Group, and served in every warfare group of the Surface Navy.

A statement released by the USA Maritime Coalition, a member organization representing maritime labor unions including M.E.B.A., various U.S. flag shipping companies, and trade associations noted, “We believe Rear Admiral Phillips has a proven track record on issues critically important to the future viability of the U.S.-flag maritime industry. Her expertise on matters relating to climate change is especially important as our industry, already the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly mode of cargo transportation, strives to do more to reduce emissions and to preserve our oceans for future generations.”

Earlier this year, M.E.B.A. leadership had an opportunity to meet with Admiral Phillips and educate her on the role our members serve and the critical challenges the maritime industry faces in light of ongoing supply chain issues and a limited mariner pool. The MarAd nomination will advance to the Senate floor for a full vote later this year.
