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There have been a number of recent developments regarding Short Sea Shipping/America's Marine Highways which we have assembled for quick reference and access to readers of our Maritime Advisors Newsletter. Please note that there may well be other recent developments not listed here that were not available to us at the time of this newsletter.

- October 8, 2007 – JOC article – “Short Sea Savior – Congress holds the key as Horizon Plans East & Gulf Coast Services” – This article in the JOC discusses Horizon Lines plans to initiate SSS routes “along the East and Gulf Coast, but indicates that the launch depends on whether Congress passes two pieces of legislation ...remove the HMT on T/S cargoes between U.S. ports” and the creation of a new loan-guarantee program for marine highway ships in the U.S.” Article is in print and also available on the JOC website: www.joc-digital.com for JOC subscribers. Note: Chuck Raymond allowed “**Maritime Advisors**” to include Horizon’s intention to commence SSS service in our testimony to Congress in February, 2007. Kudos’s to Horizon for “staying the course”.
- The Coastwise Coalition sent a letter to Secretary Peters thanking her for the Administration’s support for an HMT exemption (limited to the Great Lakes) and to encourage her to support a broader exemption and other marine highway initiatives. The Coalition also sent a letter of support to Chairmen Jim Oberstar and Elijah Cummings of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee that produced short sea transportation provisions and won House passage for the bill, HR 3221.
- Coastwise Shipping Legislation Table (Oct, 2007)

Subject	Bill	Date	Title	Sponsor	Summary	Status
House of Representatives						
HMT Exemption	HR 981	2/12/06	Great Lakes Short Sea Shipping Enhancement Act of 2007	Tubbs-Jones (D-MI); English (R-PA); LaTourette (R-OH); Cummings (D-MD); McHugh (R-NY)	Waives HMT on domestic and international “other than bulk” commercial cargo in the Great Lakes	CBO scored bill
HMT Exemption	HR 1499	3/13/07	Short Sea Shipping Promotion Act of 2007	Cummings (D-MD); Bishop (D-NY); Costa (D-CA); Jackson-Lee (D-TX)	Waives HMT on domestic intermodal cargo between US ports and on international cargo in the Great Lakes	
HMT	HR	3/26/07	Blue Water	Weldon	Waives HMT	

Exemption	1701		Highway Act of 2007	(R-FL); Shays (R-CT); Nunes (R-CA)	on domestic intermodal cargo between US ports	
SST Program & Policy	HR 2701 (Title IV)	6/13/07	Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007	Oberstar (D-MN) et al	Creates a short sea transportation (SST) program, encourages agencies to move US cargo in domestic waters; authorizing financing of SST vessels; and more	6/20/07 Approved by House T&I Committee
SST Program & Policy	HR 3221 (s. 8401-8403)	7/30/07	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act	Pelosi (D-CA) et al	(see above)	8/4/07 House adopted 241-172
United States Senate						
HMT Exemption	S. 1683	6/22/07	Great Lakes Short Sea Shipping Enhancement Act	Stabenow (D-MI); Carl; Levin (D-MI); George Voinovich (R-OH)	Identical to HR 981	
HMT Exemption	Bill not yet printed		American Infrastructure Investment And Improvement Act	Baucus (D-MT) et al	Probably identical to S 1683 and HR 981	9/20/07 Approved by Finance Committee

- "Tell America," www.tellamericatv.com a new campaign to educate the public on the importance of revitalizing the U.S. maritime industry. A recent MaritimeTV.com webcast on marine highways included Deputy Administrator of MARAD Roger Bonnert, Paul Bea, Chair of the Coastwise Coalition, and former MARAD Administrator Adm. Al Herberger. Look for the Maritime Administration presentation given by Roger Bonnert, which gets into the congestion relief aspect, and Paul Bea's presentation on the legislation, both of which are listed under the first panel here at this website. (You will have to first register and then use your email address to log in.) Here is a press release issued after the webcast: <http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/070918/0303489.html> . (Note: Maritime Advisors provided sponsorship for this event. As noted above The Web cast on September 15, 2007 featured 'Marine Highways' and also feature a second panel that will focus on issues related to U.S. maritime security. (Note: "**Maritime Advisors**" provided sponsorship for this event.)
- National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP) Product Design & Material Technologies (PDMT) Panel – Short Sea Shipping Initiative – following the very successful NSRP SSS workshop in Orlando, April, 2007 the NSRP/PDMT Panel met in Newport News September 25-26, 2007 where a review of the NSRP Short Sea Shipping initiative was presented. "**Maritime Advisors**" study for NSRP on "**Foreign Case Studies of Ship Designs, Ship Constructions Strategies, and Operational Models/Implementation for Short Sea Shipping in the EU**" was included in the summary presentation. NSRP/PDMT has developed a "library" of Short Sea Shipping studies, links and resources including presentations as well as the NSRP SSS "Current State Document" Go to www.nsrp.org , click on "Ship Production Panels," select "Product Design & Material Technologies" from the drop-down menu, and then click on "View Past Panel Events and Presentations." Note: "**Maritime Advisors**" has been fortunate to be included in this program initiated by NSRP. The April, 2007 workshop assembled shipyards, designers, operators, consultants, etc. in a two day, intense workshop that produced excellent collaborative results and direction for SSS Design and Shipbuilding goals. The NSRP's on-line Library is an excellent "one stop shop" for SSS information, as is MARAD's Marine Highways website.
- Ship Operators Cooperative Program (SOCP) – SSS Ship Concept Design working group. This industry Working Group, initially established among interested members of the SOCP, is being facilitated by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) in an effort to further discuss and develop concepts for potential vessels that could be build in series and high volume to economically meet the needs of our nation in the movement of commerce, while relieving land-based congestion. The goal of the group is to research existing data and conduct collaborative discussions and trade-off studies to generate concepts, models, strategies and/or concept designs that can lead to series construction over the next 10 years of standardized ships that are "green", safe, efficient, operationally reliable, incorporate state-of-the-art automation, and can be cost-effectively produced domestically to meet the requirements of U.S. ship operators/owners. The working group is in the early stages of defining a direction and process for moving forward. Anyone interested in participating should contact Richard Sonnenschein, MARAD by phone at 202-366-1852 or by email at richard.sonnenschein@dot.gov .
- **Maritime Advisors** website www.maritimeadvisors.com provides access to "public" (Non-Proprietary) studies done by **Maritime Advisors** and/or other studies that are public information. We are active supporters of the Coastwise Coalition, the NSRP SSS initiative; MARAD's Marine Highway's initiative and a founding member of MARAD's public/private cooperative initiative - the Short Sea Shipping Cooperative Program (SCOOP).

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