Inland River Transportation Caucus within the U.S. Congress

Overview

Within the scope of several Congressional Committees, the interests of the inland river transportation stakeholders are overlooked due to an imbalance of committee members representing coastal transportation. The table below shows the number of Members on transportation-related committees that represent coastal and non-inland interests versus inland.

Facts

	Coastal/Non Inland	Inland
House Agriculture Committee	26	25
Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets and Rural Development	11	9
House Appropriations Committee	43	20
Subcommittee on Energy & Water	9	6
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing & Urban Development	9	6
House Transportation & Infrastructure	44	22
Subcommittee on Water Resources	21	11
Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation	13	1

Issues

The inland river transportation interests are often times misunderstood and greatly undervalued, so in order to be resilient and sustainable.

As vital as the above-mentioned Congressional Committees are to the entire transportation system, it is also vital that the legislative authorities set by the United States Congress reflect all maritime transportation, coastal and inland.

Call to Action

The inland river transportation needs bi-partisan and bi-cameral representation to make recommendations to Committees that focus on maritime transportation. Via an Inland River Transportation Caucus, Members can be informed of all matters affecting river transportation to strongly advocate for common legislative objectives that affect inland interests and to support the inland-representing Members of each Committee.

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals