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Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee Business Meeting

Saturday, February 12, 2022

9:00am – 12:00pm EST



NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs Agenda

- 9:00 AM – Call to Order and Welcome
 - Hon. Craig Pedersen, Supervisor, Kings County, Calif.
- 9:15 AM – Guest Speakers
 - Ms. Liz Archuleta, Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Hon. Xochitl Torres-Small, Undersecretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Mr. Jon Samson, Executive Director, Agriculture and Food Transporters Conference of the American Trucking Association
 - Mr. Ryan Yates, Managing Director, Public Policy, American Farm Bureau
- 10:45 AM – Policy Resolutions
 - Proposed Interim Resolutions
 - Emergency Resolutions
- 12:00 PM - Meeting Concludes



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Welcome and Introductions





NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs Leadership

- Vice Chair: Hon. Alex Barnett, Judge, Harrison County, Ky.
- Vice Chair: Hon. Julie Ehemann, Commissioner, Shelby County, Ohio
- Vice Chair: Hon. Bob Fox, Commissioner, Renville County, Minn.
- Vice Chair: Mr. Gene Harper, County Administrator, Marion County, S.C.
- Vice Chair: Hon. Melissa McKinlay, Commissioner, Palm Beach County, Fla.
- Vice Chair: Hon. Luis Sanchez, Commissioner, Midland County, Texas
- Vice Chair: Hon. Jim Schmidt, Commissioner, Lincoln County, S.D.



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OVERVIEW

Supply Chain Issues

Driver Shortage

- What's being done
- What's hindering the effort

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIF)



SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

Port Congestion

Warehouse/storage capacity (Oakland)

Lack of Chassis

Containers being shipped back empty

OSRA

Driver Shortage

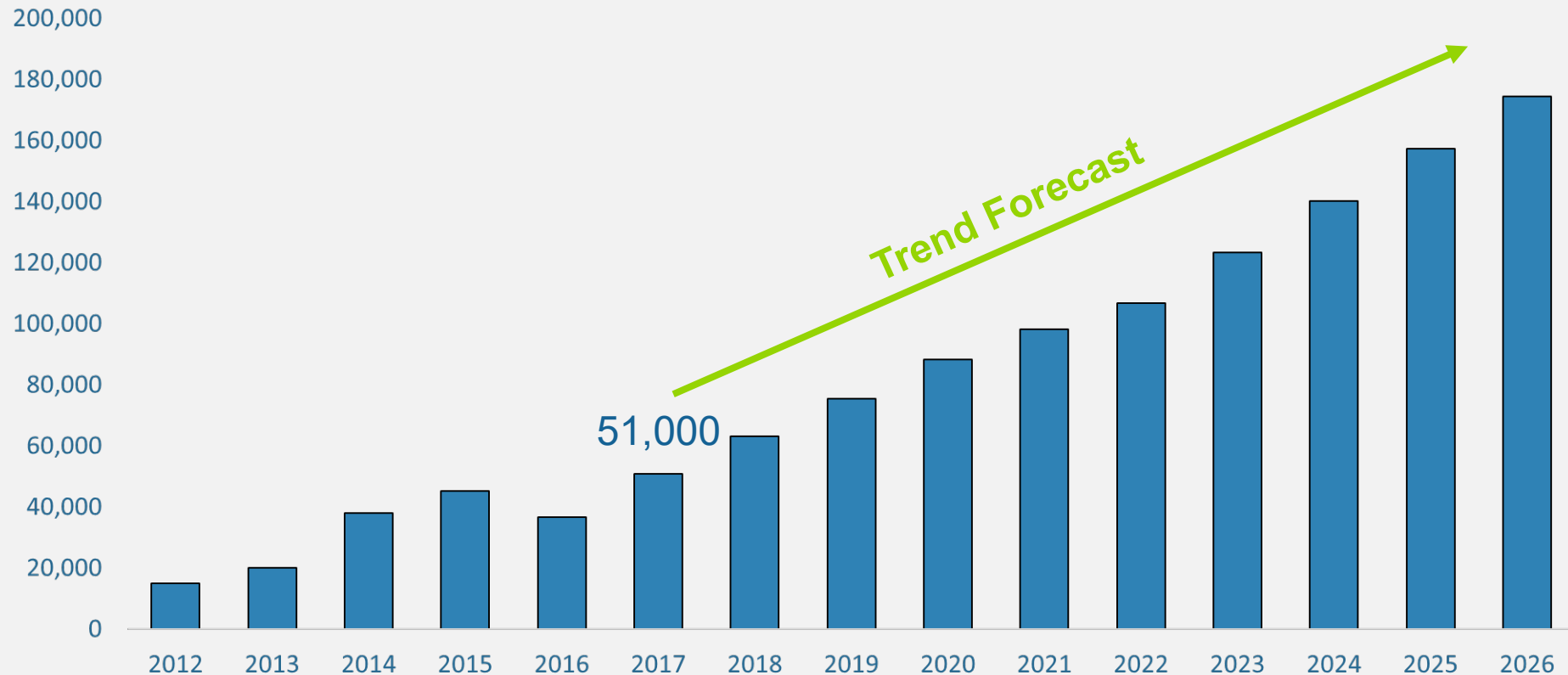
OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT

Updates the Shipping Act to reflect today's maritime marketplace and end abusive practices by foreign-owned ocean carriers against American shippers and truckers

Ensure that American exports are loaded on ships for foreign markets

Stops excessive detention and demurrage charges

DRIVER SHORTAGE



Source: ATA's Truck Driver Shortage Analysis 2017

DRIVER SHORTAGE

Regulatory

- FMCSA pilot project (18-20yr military drivers)
- Not a large pool, but discussion has begun
- Minimize roadblocks for former military

Legislative

- DRIVE SAFE Act – pilot project passed in BIF

Industry

- Increase in \$\$
- More flexible schedules

DRIVER SHORTAGE: DRIVERS

Aging workforce

Insurance costs

COVID vaccine mandates

- Federal contractors (currently stayed)
- Business over 100 employees (Supreme court ruling)
- Cross boarder mandate

Alternative Career paths

21+ interstate age threshold

ROADS AND BRIDGES

- The bill provides \$110 billion to repair the nation's aging highways, bridges and roads.
- According to the White House, 173,000 total miles or nearly 280,000 kilometers of America's highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges are in poor condition.
- The almost \$40 billion for bridges is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the national highway system, according to the Biden administration.

HIGHWAYS

- \$351 billion for highways over five years from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) and General Fund (\$307 billion or 90% provided as formula apportionments to states.)
- \$12 billion for FMCSA and NHTSA safety programs. This is a 38% increase in highway elements from the Highway Trust Fund over funding levels in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

NACO/INDUSTRY RELATIONS

- Ensuring everyone is on the same page (Federal, state, local)
- Dissemination of information, both up and down the communication chain
- Foster coalitions both at the government and industry levels
 - (government agencies, their representatives and industry partners)

QUESTIONS?



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