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DOD – South China Sea resolution sought;
CMTS – National Freight Strategic Plan webinar;
House – bill introduced re offshore drilling; and
Senate- bill introduced re offshore drilling.

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DOD – South China Sea resolution sought



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a [news release](http://www.defense.gov/News-Article-View/Article/627673/carter-reiterates-call-for-peaceful-resolution-in-south-china-sea) [located at <http://www.defense.gov/News-Article-View/Article/627673/carter-reiterates-call-for-peaceful-resolution-in-south-china-sea>] stating that Secretary Ash Carter, at the meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defense Ministers, reiterated the US call for a peaceful resolution to the tensions in the South China Sea. He urged all claimants to permanently halt land reclamation, stop the construction of new facilities, and cease further militarization of disputed maritime features. He announced that the US Freedom of Navigation program will continue and that he will visit the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt as it conducts routine operations while transiting the South China Sea. (11/4/15).

CMTS – National Freight Strategic Plan webinar



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) posted a [notice](http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=101) [located at <http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=101>] stating that it will host a webinar on 16 November on the National Freight Strategic Plan. (11/5/15).

House – bill introduced re offshore drilling



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 3927) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Huffman issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://huffman.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-huffman-garamendi-lead-west-coast-members-in-introducing>] explaining the measure. (11/4/15).

Senate – bill introduced re offshore drilling



Senator Merkley (D-OR) introduced a bill (S. 2238) to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Merkley issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-introduces-major-new-legislation-to-stop-new-fossil-fuel-leases-on-federal-lands>] explaining the measure. (11/4/15).

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