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White House – Government Employee Fair Treatment Act



The White House announced that President Trump signed into law the **Government Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2019** (S. 24) to provide for the compensation of federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations. (1/16/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s24pcs/pdf/BILLS-116s24pcs.pdf>]. *Note: Payment of the compensation will occur after appropriations have been made.*

USCG – expanded limits to CGMA loans



The US Coast Guard issued a Commandant Notice announcing expanded limits to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) loans during the current lapse in appropriations. **ALCOAST 012/19** (1/15/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2287a94>].

USCG – formal marine casualty investigation



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a formal marine casualty investigation has been convened into the marine casualty of the fishing vessel Mary B II, which capsized off Newport, Oregon on 9 January 2019, resulting in the loss of three lives and loss of the vessel. (1/15/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2287b21>].

Senate – bill introduced re WWII merchant mariners



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 133) to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Murkowski issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (1/15/19) [<https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/press/release/murkowski-introduces-legislation-recognizing-unrecognized-heroes-of-the-greatest-generation>].

House – bill introduced re WWII merchant mariners



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 550) to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Garamendi issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (1/15/19) [<https://garamendi.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-john-garamendi-introduces-merchant-mariners-world-war-ii>].

IMO – Transport 2040



The IMO's World Maritime University (WMU) issued a [news release](#) announcing launch of the report: Transport 2040 – Automation Technology Employment – the Future of Work, (1/15/19) [<https://www.wmu.se/news/transport-2040-how-automation-and-technology-will-impact-future-work>].

Australia – air pollution



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** recommending measures for reducing air pollution from ships. (1/16/19) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/air-pollution>].

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