

Legislative Update -- March 7, 2005

**Status of Ballast Water Legislation
and
Shipping Industry Reaction to Ballast Water Management Act**

The shipping industry may be close to signing off on the Inouye Stevens Ballast Water Management Act, especially if several amendments that it plans to support are accepted by the Commerce Committee. These relate to expanding the Coast Guard's STEP Program and authorizing the use of surrogate means of demonstrating compliance with the Act's treatment requirements such as testing for the presence of Total Residual Oxidant levels. Both of these amendments have already been proposed by Nutech to the Commerce Committee.

Joel Mandelman, Nutech's Vice President & General Counsel, will meet with Commerce Committee's Chief Counsel and Minority Chief Counsel to discuss these proposals later this month. Nutech has already submitted draft language for these amendments to the Committee following its meetings with Senate staff, last month. Mr. Mandelman will meet with officials of the Chamber of Shipping, later this month, to make a final determination as to which of these amendments both Nutech and the Chamber may jointly support.

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