

## **NLA Update: Proposed RIDE Act Amendment Introduced in Senate**

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We are pleased to advise that NLA-advocated amending language to the Real Interstate Driver Equity (RIDE) Act was introduced to the U.S. Senate as S. 3667 on Thursday October 2 by Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and David Vitter (R-LA), both members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation which has jurisdiction over the limousine industry.

The legislation will bring all limousine operators under the protection of the RIDE Act. It clarifies the original intent of the RIDE Act and will prohibit airports from charging abusive fees to NLA members and force the Department of Transportation (DOT) to undertake rulemaking to airports to reinforce the Congressional intent of the legislation.

We anticipate its introduction to the House of Representatives in either late November, when Congress reconvenes following the November 4 election, or in January, when the new Congress convenes.

This significant step forward is a result of the industry's grass roots support shown on the 2008 NLA Day on the Hill this past June and diligent work by the NLA on Capitol Hill for almost two years.

### **We urge you to contact your own Senators to ask that they become co-sponsors of the bill and vote for its passage into law.**

To do so, simply call the Capitol switchboard (202.224.3121) and ask to be connected to your senators. Once connected to your senator's office, ask to speak to the transportation legislative assistant. Or, refer to [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm) U.S. Senate page for the complete list of U.S. Senators and their office telephone numbers.

Tell the legislative assistant that you are a member of the NLA and you are asking them to consider co-sponsoring S. 3667 to help your small business avoid the illegal and abusive fees charged by some airports. Tell them to contact Fletcher Fitzpatrick in Senator Vitter's office or David Matsuda in Senator Lautenberg's office to become a co-sponsor.

Please provide any feedback about the contact to NLA executive director Patricia Nelson ([patricia.nelson@limo.org](mailto:patricia.nelson@limo.org)) so we can keep a record of the contacts.

Thank you!

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