

Window on Washington: New Year, New Maritime Laws

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The closely divided 117th Congress has tended to bunch its maritime policy changes into several large, consolidated “must pass” legislative vehicles at the close of the year. In late December 2022, Congress passed the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, with the final, agreed version of the Coast Guard Authorization Act previewed in last quarter’s Window on Washington appended to it, and a final, year-end omnibus funding measure, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Both pieces of legislation include numerous provisions of consequence to the maritime industry.

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