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An aerial photograph of a busy port at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow over the water. Several large cargo ships are visible, with one prominent ship in the foreground carrying a large stack of containers. The water is dark blue, and the sky is a mix of orange and yellow.

AAPA Perspectives

WRDA, Appropriations and Infrastructure

Harbors and Navigation Meeting

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2018, A Remarkable Year!

- **January:** AAPA agreement on an approach for full use of annual HMT revenues
- **February:** Corps receives \$17.4 billion supplemental appropriation
- **March:** FY 2018 Appropriation approved
- **May/June:** WRDA 2018 legislation released
- **September:** FY 2019 Corps Appropriation approved – 1st on time approp since 2004
- **September:** House passes America's Water Infrastructure bill (WRDA); hopefully Senate passes in October

America's Water Infrastructure Act, S. 3021 WRDA 2018

- **WRDA is Title 1 of AWIA bill**
- **Passed the House on Sep 13, awaiting Senate vote**
- **Senate will be no floor debate or amendments, just a 'yes or no' vote**
- **Continues trend of legislation every 2 years that started in 2014**

America's Water Infrastructure Act, S. 3021 WRDA 2018

- Authorizes 3 coastal navigation channel improvement projects to proceed to construction
- Extends the construction authorization, from 7 to 10 years, for channel improvements approved in WRRDA 2014 or WIIN 2016.
- Expedites qualifying projects currently under study to proceed into the preliminary engineering and design phase
- Approves modifications to authorized navigation projects

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- Directs the Corps to provide technical assistance when requested for sponsor-led navigation channel improvement studies
- Directs the Corps to maintain and provide a 'balance sheet' on cost-shared funding efforts to address dredged material placement facility cost-share issues
- Requires a maintenance backlog report that will inform progress being made on navigation channel and supporting assets being well maintained (aligns with AAPA HMT efforts)

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- Increases stakeholder involvement in Corps policy development; and
- Directs the Corps to have the National Academy of Sciences study the Corps' organizational structure, both among federal agencies and internal districts and divisions.
- **AAPA action:** Ports are encouraged to contact their Senators and urge them to make AWIA (S. 3021) a must-pass priority.

FY 2019 Corps Nav Appropriation

	Pres Budget	Cong Add*	Total*
COASTAL NAV	\$1.08 B	\$1.003 B	\$2.083 B
Investigations	\$7 M	\$14 M	\$21 M
Construction	\$139 M	\$398 M	\$537 M
Oper & Maintenance	\$934 M	\$541 M	\$1.475 B
Donor & Energy Ports	\$0 M	\$50 M	\$50 M
TOTAL NAVIGATION	\$1.93 B	\$1.287 B	\$3.217 B

*AAPA estimate of funds distribution

2019 HMT
\$1.54B

91%
of FY18 HMT
revenues
(est*)

2018 HMT
\$1.4B

And in 2019...

- **Infrastructure Legislation:** AAPA will advocate for AAPA's HMT full use legislative proposal
- **\$34 billion** for waterside infrastructure investments, consisting of:
 - \$18.6 billion** full use of annual HMT revenues
 - \$9.2 billion** HMT unappropriated tax collections
 - \$3.1 billion** for authorized channel improvements
 - \$3.1 billion** for upcoming channel improvements
- **WRDA 2020:** Develop AAPA requests

Maritime Role in U.S. Economy

- **21st century U.S. economic growth is directly linked to global trade**
- **95% of world population and 80% of consumption is outside of U.S.**
- **26% of GDP**
- **Maritime infrastructure - Ports, ships and navigation channels are essential to global trade and economic growth!**

Summary

- **Execute the program – lots of dredging to be done**
- **Recruit Corps emerging leaders to pursue a developmental assignment at Corps HQ**
- **Keep educating Congress and Public on Corps navigation program's role in freight movement and economic growth**



Thanks for all you do!