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Robert Pugh Named Co-Chairman-

ASET is proud to announce that Robert Pugh, Vice President of Building Products, Transportation & Logistics for Georgia-Pacific has agreed to become our Co-Chairman for 2002. Robert has been on ASET's Executive Committee for the past



year and has played a strong role in the efforts to move our weight proposal forward. Robert joins Steve Williams of Maverick Transportation as ASET's industry leaders and spokesmen.

Robert replaces outgoing Co-Chairman, Mike Regan of Tranzact Technologies. Mike is a founding member of ASET and has led our coalition from its infancy to the present. Mike will remain as an important, participating member of ASET.

Georgia-Pacific is nationally recognized as an industry leader in the field of forestry, lumber, and paper products. Georgia-Pacific has mills and plants throughout the United States and thus has interests in several congressional districts that will prove critical to our lobbying efforts in Congress.

One of the key ingredients for ASET is to illustrate how both motor carriers and shippers jointly represent our coalition. Having two Co-Chairmen, one from the trucking side and one from the shipper side, will help ASET to broaden our coalition throughout both parts of the transportation industry.

ASET welcomes Robert Pugh into this role and we look forward to his leadership as we move toward adoption of our proposal in the upcoming highway reauthorization bill in Congress.

ASET Speaks At NIT League Annual Meeting In Charlotte-

NIT League held its annual meeting in Charlotte, NC on November 10-13 and ASET was able to address our weight legislation during the proceedings.

Jake Jacoby spoke to a group of NIT League members during a seminar titled "Productivity Zappers" on November 12th. Mike Regan of Tranzact Technologies, who also has served as ASET's Co-Chairman for the past 4 years, moderated the seminar. Also serving on the panel of speakers were two staffers from the Department of Transportation and another from the maritime industry.

During the discussion, Jake was able to not only explain our coalition, but to answer questions and ask for support from those in attendance.

NIT League remains an important member of ASET and their willingness to include us in their annual meeting only helps to get the message out to hundreds of companies that may not be aware of the productivity savings that await them once our legislative proposal is enacted. We hope to expand our membership over the next year and that should include several NIT League members.

ASET would like to thank everyone at NIT League and specifically Mike Regan for giving ASET this opportunity to speak to the group. We will continue to work closely with both NIT League and the American Trucking Associations to ensure our ultimate victory.

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How Will September 11th Affect ASET?

The terrible tragedy of September 11th has had a tremendous effect on the economy, national security, and patriotism. What may not have gone recognized is how this will influence trucking transportation and the flow of goods.

With the recent anti-terrorism legislation signed by President Bush, there will be many consequences to the trucking industry as a whole. For one, with the recent change in HAZMAT rules, motor carrier companies will be responsible for new restrictions on truck drivers. This will make it even tougher on the driver shortage situation that has crippled so many motor carrier companies.

In addition, trucks have been forced into long waits at the borders in Canada and Mexico due to potential future terrorist threats. The border delays are costing companies millions of dollars in lost time.

Lastly, overall congestion on our nation's highways is increasing at an alarming rate. Due to the public's fear of air travel, many are taking to the road and this is causing even more trouble for trucks traversing the highways delivering goods.

Productivity legislation is needed to address these concerns. ASET will continue to lobby and educate Members of Congress and those in the transportation industry to understand that our weight legislation is needed as part of an overall economic recovery package.

About ASET – Americans for Safe and Efficient Transportation is a nationwide broad-based coalition of shippers, motor carriers, and related state and national organizations committed to delivering goods safely and economically. ASET supports legislation that properly balances American industry's need for economic and efficient transportation with protection of the public and the environment.

For more information or to learn how to become involved with ASET, please contact us at the address below.

Michael W. Pendergrass



Anti-Productivity Bill Introduced -

Jim McGovern, (D-MA) introduced legislation recently that would stifle trucking productivity throughout the country. McGovern's bill, H.R. 3132, would extend the freeze on truck size and weights from the Interstates to the entire National Highway System.

The purpose of this legislation, according to the author and its supporters, is to protect the driving public. The result however, would mean more accidents and fatalities, while leading to huge financial losses for the business community. The freeze on weights has lasted 20 years and is sorely outdated. To actually extend such a regulation would mean thousands more trucks would have to be added to the National Highway System to carry the same amount of freight. With the Department of Transportation predicting an 87% increase in freight movement over the next 20 years, forcing more trucks onto our capacity-filled highways makes no sense whatsoever.

ASET, along with other organizations such as the ATA, will be lobbying against this piece of legislation. To find out how you can help, call ASET at (703) 549-9467.

Reauthorization Hearings To Begin –

TEA-21, Congress' reauthorization bill will begin hearings in 2002. Our goal is to be at the table during these hearings and negotiations and to push Congress to adopt our weight proposal as part of the overall package that they will vote on in 2003.



Members of ASET will play their most critical role in this effort. Testifying before congressional committees, attending town hall meetings, lobbying individual Members of Congress and helping to broaden ASET's reach to all industries and parts of the country will be the key ingredients for our success.