

D.C. Cheat Sheet



Quick Updates from Your HF Team

Congress Breaks for Easter – Beginning Friday, be on the look-out for your senators and House lawmaker, who will be making the rounds in their home states for a two-week break for Easter and Passover. If you see your federal officials, here are ***three quick messages*** you can deliver to help the hardwood industry:

Wood Products are Part of the Climate Solution! With the federal government putting a climate twist on almost every policy that takes shape, tell your lawmakers to keep wood products in their toolbox. Hardwood floors, lumber and other products store carbon and prevent its release into the atmosphere. *Lawmakers cannot hear this message enough.* Delivering it repeatedly will make sure that the industry gets credited, instead of penalized, by climate policies that move at the federal level.

Fix Transportation Bottlenecks! Congress is putting together a committee of House and Senate negotiators to hammer out the final version of the “Ocean Shipping Reform Act.” Telling Congress to make this a priority will help industry move its products to overseas customers.

Help Wanted! Fix the Worker Shortage. Congress is looking at a variety of ways to help business staff up their operations in a tight labor market. Fortunately for industry, Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) has introduced the “Employer Directed Skills Act” (H.R. 6255). This important bill aims to bridge the gap between employer needs and employee skills by making existing workforce development programs more business friendly and flexible.