



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, April 11, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The NTSB can be proud of successfully supporting new safety legislation in Indiana. Working closely with the General Assembly, the office of Safety Recommendations helped to educate legislators on safety issues surrounding child booster seats. HB 1434 in Indiana was brought to the Senate floor on Thursday, April 10th. Numerous discussions were held with State Senators to discuss the Board's concerns and views on this safety issue. I was delighted with the response I received from several key legislators with their support of the NTSB's position and am pleased to share that the bill passed successfully with a 27-23 vote. One more step toward safety. Thanks to all who helped in this endeavor.

Ellen G. Engleman



Brenda Yager, Chairman Engleman, and Elaine Weinstein meet to discuss the NTSB's strategy for improving safety for children.

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NTSB REAUTHORIZATION

H.R. 1527, The National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003, was reported out of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on April 9, 2003, without amendment. S. 579 was reported out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation on March 13. The House is expected to take up the bill when it returns from its District Work Period.

CHAIRMAN'S OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MESSAGE

A safe and healthful working environment is essential to performing our mission. To accomplish this, a comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health Program must be accepted and supported throughout the NTSB.

The NTSB Designated Safety and Health Official

is **Jim Arena**, and the OSHA Program Manager is **Sherri Filbin**. They will be responsible for ensuring that all employees understand their role and responsibility in helping us maintain a safe working environment

Employees will be provided with necessary

training and equipment to safely perform their job assignments. I do not expect employees to work on an assignment that poses an unreasonable risk of injury or illness and I encourage employees to report such activities to their supervisor or

Investigator in Charge.

I ask that every NTSB employee join me in taking an active role in providing an effective Occupational Safety and Health Program. All of us at NTSB must work together to ensure each other's safety.

NTSB ALL HANDS MESSAGES



If you plan on working in the HQ Building this weekend, April 12-13, please note the following:

We have received notification from the Federal Protection Service that there will be demonstrations and marches

around the mall, the White House and adjacent areas. The activity is expected from three different groups, includes a rally and a march, and will be at different times and different places. Indications are that the activities will be generally peaceful in nature, however, parking and traffic in the area may be affected.

Be reminded that we are at the Orange Alert Level and everyone should be vigilant and aware of their surroundings. If you see something or someone suspicious around our work area, report it immediately to our security guards at 314-6262.

On the Hill...

Chairman Engleman met with Congressman Don Young (R-AK), Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and

Infrastructure this week to discuss the NTSB's reauthorization. Part of their discussion focused on the NTSB's efforts to support NASA during the ongoing Columbia Shuttle investigation.

In addition, Chairman Engleman met with Congressman Bill Lipinski (D-IL), a ranking member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Discussion included the NTSB's reauthorization bill and the critical role that NTSB plays in transportation safety.



ACADEMY TO ADD MARINE CLASS

Two investigators, Capt. Yoshito Ito, an investigator from Japan's Marine Accident Inquiry Commission, and Capt. Robbie Jones, a new NTSB investigator; have received the first NTSB Academy certificates for completing a pilot course, *Fundamentals of Marine Accident Investigation*, which ran from March 19 to April 4. Plans are to add the course, which is patterned after the *Basic Aircraft Accident Investigation* course, to the Academy's offerings.



Office of Marine Safety Director Marjorie Murtagh; Capt. Yoshito Ito; Capt. Robbie Jones; and Academy President Frank Richey.

IMPROVED SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS DATABASE

Do you ever access the Safety Recommendations database to see what the latest status is on a recommendation that you wrote or on recommendations that are in a draft report you are writing? We have recently made an improvement to the database that we hope you will find useful. You can now access the Safety Recommendations database to get just the most recent correspondence on a safety recommendation (instead of the entire correspondence history). To do this, open the Safety Recommendations database and click on "Reports." Then click on the "Most Recent Correspondence" button. That should bring up the most recent correspondence from the recommendation recipient and the latest response from the Safety Board. Many thanks to **Sumira Singh**, of the Office of Research and Engineering for making this improvement.



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