

**LUNCH INTRODUCTIONS
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**NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY SYMPOSIUM #1
*GROWING THE US-FLAG FLEET ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE***

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)
WEST ATRIUM – GROUND FLOOR
WASHINGTON, DC**

**BEFORE WE WELCOME OUR NEXT SPEAKER, I
HAVE A BIT OF NEWS.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, SOME LAST MINUTE CHANGES
TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
ARE PREVENTING CONGRESSMAN RANDY FORBES
FROM JOINING US TODAY.**

**HE SENDS HIS APOLOGIES AND BEST WISHES FOR
OUR EFFORT.**

**ALSO, ALTHOUGH WE'D INITIALLY SCHEDULED MR
FOTIS KARAMITSOS (*FOE-TISS CAR-AH-MEAT-
ZOHS*), TO SPEAK TODAY, AN URGENT FAMILY
ISSUE REQUIRES THAT HE BE ELSEWHERE RIGHT
NOW.**

**HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO
HAVE TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE SPEAKERS COMMIT
ON SHORT NOTICE . . .**

**FIRST, WE HAVE WITH US A MAN WITH A WELL-
ROUNDED AND DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF U.S.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY.**

**HE SPENT NINE YEARS ON THE HILL – AS A STAFF
MEMBER FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION . . .
AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**AND NOW HE’S A MAJOR ASSET TO US HERE AT
THE D.O.T.**

**HE CURRENTLY SERVES IN THE OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY HERE AT THE
DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
COORDINATING THE DEPARTMENT’S NATIONAL
FREIGHT ACTIVITIES . . . INCLUDING MANAGING THE
NATIONAL FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

HE ALSO OVERSEES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S UPCOMING NATIONAL FREIGHT STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FREIGHT POLICY.

PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME JOHN DRAKE!

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THANK YOU, JOHN . . .

IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO WIDEN HORIZONS WITH THIS SYMPOSIUM . . . AND GET MARITIME PLAYERS TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE IN THIS INDUSTRY.

THAT'S WHY IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO INTRODUCE OUR NEXT SPEAKER . . . A PERSON WHO CAN SHINE

SOME LIGHT ON MARITIME PRACTICES AND DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

HE HAS BEEN WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION SINCE 2003, PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN NUMEROUS RESEARCH, LOGISTICS AND ANALYSIS EFFORTS FOCUSING ON EUROPEAN INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT AND MARITIME SHIPPING...

AMONG THESE, HE WAS A CENTRAL CONTRIBUTOR TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S 2011 WHITE PAPER ON TRANSPORT, A POLICY STRATEGY TO SERVE THE E.U. THROUGH 2021 . . .

PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING A WARM WELCOME TO TRANSPORT COUNSELOR FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES, DR FELIX LEINENMAN (*LINE-E-MAHN*).