



SEAWAY TASK FORCE COALITION

THE JONES ACT

The Seaway Task Force states the Jones Act is beneficial to America and jobs. The Jones Act has a significantly positive effect on U.S. national and economic security. The Jones Act mandates that cargo moving from one U.S. port to another be carried aboard vessels that are crewed, flagged, owned, and built American.

Nearly all of the nation's major cities are connected to waterways. The fact that many of the nation's economic bases are linked by water exemplifies how important the sea is to the development and sustainment of the country.

The U.S.-flag shipbuilding industry has played a major role in projecting America's influence, trade, and armed forces around the world.

In short, having a strong civilian-crewed U.S. built flag fleet is vital to ensuring national and economic security. The Jones Act helps maintain such a fleet along with a viable pool of workers.

With today's threats to homeland security, the Jones Act provisions provide an important base on which to build the systems, processes and procedures needed to secure America. The Act simplifies efforts to ensure rogue regimes and international terrorists cannot strike at this country via its ports and waterways.

The Seaway Task Force therefore once again vows to continue its work to promote and protect the Jones Act in every possible way, including by educating elected officials as well as the American public about the critical magnitude and irreplaceable value of the Jones Act.