



## REPORT OF THE INSURANCE TASK FORCE OF AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS

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The ATA Insurance Task Force met in Washington, DC, January 27, 2008. The Chairman called the meeting to order and reviewed the anti-trust guidelines. The task force members, guests, and ATA staff introduced themselves. A quorum having been established, the task force proceeded with the remainder of its agenda as follows:

**Financial Report.** Chairman Card presented the members with the status of ITF finances, which, owing to last year's fundraising drive, are in very good shape, with cash on hand of approximately \$100,000.

**Progress & Prospects for Reform, 2008.** Matt Fullenbaum, Director of Legislation at the American Tort Reform Association, briefed the Task Force on where tort reform stands at the beginning of 2008. Most state legislatures are in session, and Mr. Fullenbaum reported that there will be or already are proposals in many states to roll back recent tort-reform gains. At the federal level, Congress is unlikely to do much this year, with the fall elections looming, but there might just possibly be some opportunities remaining. The elections will also be important, Mr. Fullenbaum noted, for the opportunity they present to elect or retain restrained judges and justices and state attorneys general. Mr. Fullenbaum stated also that ATA staff has frequently directed ATRA's attention to issues in the states of which they had not previously been aware, and stressed how important it was for ATRA to continue to work closely with ATA.

**State Association Reports.** The Task Force next received reports from the state trucking association executives whose associations the ITF has funded for this year: Arizona, California (funded through the Civil Justice Association of California), Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and West Virginia.

**Indemnification.** Fred Burns and David Parker of Great West Casualty led the Task Force in a discussion of indemnification and legislative efforts to shield motor carriers from unfair shipper practices in this regard.

There being no further business to come before the ITF, the Task Force adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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