



REPORT OF THE INSURANCE TASK FORCE OF AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS

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The ATA Insurance Task Force met in Orlando, Florida, October 20, 2007. 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, particularly as a result of this year's fundraising drive and that day's golf tournament, are in very good shape.

Progress & Prospects for Reform, 2007-2008. Tiger Joyce, President of the American Tort Reform Association, briefed the Task Force on where tort reform stands today, with most state legislative sessions adjourned and Congress largely at a standstill, and where there may be opportunities for continued reform in 2008. Mr. Joyce emphasized that a larger portion of his organization's resources will be devoted to defensive actions, to prevent recent reforms from being eroded or overturned altogether through the efforts of a revitalized trial attorneys' association.

Increased Insurance Requirements for Motor Carriers. The Task Force discussed the results of a survey of ITF members on their positions on whether the industry should seek an increase in the federal requirements for insurance coverage for interstate motor carriers. There was much interest among the ITF membership in pursuing this subject further, but the Task Force deemed it prudent to direct staff to perform a more thorough and detailed survey before going forward.

State Association Reports. The Task Force next received reports from the state trucking association executives from Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, Montana, and West Virginia, whose reform efforts for this year were funded by the ITF. A report was received as well from the Civil Justice Association of California.

Requests for Funding. The Task Force heard requests for funding tort reform efforts from the state trucking associations of Arizona, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and West Virginia, as well as from the Civil Justice Association of California and the Republican Attorney General Association. The Task Force approved all of these funding requests, at \$10,000 apiece.

There being no further business to come before the ITF, the Task Force adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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