



Federal News

- You may have heard that Congress isn't operating like a well-oiled machine. One consequence is that they struggled to pass [legislation to fund the U.S. Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#) before the January 19 deadline to avoid a shutdown. At the last minute, the Democratic majority leadership in the Senate and Republican majority leadership in the House reached [a funding deal](#) that prevents a shutdown of DOT and other federal agencies through March 1 and March 8, respectively.
- ASA is monitoring several bills that would either [eliminate the Federal Insurance Office \(FIO\)](#) or [undermine its potential to protect repairers from unfair insurance practices](#). ASA was an original supporter and played an integral role in securing FIO's creation in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. ASA doesn't expect these bills to gain much traction, but we're keeping an eye on them just in case.
- The U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee has refrained so far from advancing the named [REPAIR Act \(H.R. 906\)](#) out of the committee. ASA has shared with congressional offices its [concerns with the bill](#) and has asked Congress to allow [the agreement](#) ASA reached with OEMs to function without government interference.

State News

- Many state legislatures have just returned to session and they haven't skipped a beat with bills introduced that would impact automotive repair shops.
- A bill was filed in Washington state that would grant auto insurance policy holders and issuers the right to an appraisal if the parties don't agree on the loss value on a damaged vehicle. [Click here to read the bill](#).
- Other bills recently introduced that caught the ASA DC office team's attention dealt with catalytic converter theft ([NJ](#))([WA](#)), crash parts ([MO](#)), unclaimed vehicles ([FL](#)), autonomous vehicles ([KY](#)), minimum wage and overtime ([WV](#)), paid sick leave ([KY](#)), safety inspections ([MO](#))([VA](#))([UT](#))

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