

Carriage of Goods

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FORMAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARRIAGE OF GOODS

The Committee met at the offices of Haight, Gardner, Holland & Knight commencing at 9:00 a.m. on May 2nd. There were forty-five members of the Committee present. A copy of the attendance list is attached to the original of these minutes.

The first area of business was to discuss the current status of the "new" COGSA proposal before the United States Senate. The chairman reported that he had recent conversations with Senator Gordon Smith's legislative aid, Wally Chu, concerning the status, and a date for a meeting in Washington. Mr. Chu indicated that at the present time Senator Smith was not going to take up the COGSA proposal until some time after Labor Day. He indicated that there were other priorities, including the President's tax package which needed to be considered first. Mr. Chu agreed to meet with the chairman and another representative of the organization in September to discuss the proposed bill.

Subsequent to the chairman's report at the spring meeting, a reorganization of the Senate has taken place shifting committee chairmen's positions from Republicans to Democrats. At the present time, we are not sure who will be taking over control of this particular subcommittee which must deal with the proposed legislation.

It was reported by the chairman that the time allotted for the Carriage of Goods Committee meeting, in San Diego Wednesday morning 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., will be a CLE seminar. The topic will be the status of the CMI draft of the proposed convention to replace the current Hague/Hague Visby/Hamburg Rules which are currently in force around the world. The presenters will include the MLA delegates to the Singapore CMI meeting in February of 2001.

Although time was limited, a brief presentation followed by a thorough discussion of the CMI draft took up most to the time allotted. Details of that presentation can be found in the report of the CMI Committee.

Following the main Committee meeting the individual Subcommittees held a brief session.

Respectfully submitted,

William Robert Connor, Chair