

# **NHBPA Summer Convention August 2014**

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## **NHBPA Legislative Affairs Committee Report**

# Federal Medication Legislation

H.R. 2012 and S. 973 the *Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act*

- There has been little activity on either of these bills recently, but H.R. 2012 has continued to slowly gain new cosponsors



# Federal Medication Legislation

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- H.R. 2012 *Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act*
  - 33 cosponsors
    - 28 Democrats
    - 5 Republicans
- S. 973 *Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act*
  - 2 cosponsors
    - All Democrats

# Federal Legislation to Amend the Horse Protection Act of 1970

## H.R. 1518 and S. 1406 the *Prevent All Soring Tactics Act*

- On April 9<sup>th</sup> the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation amended S. 1406 so it was identical to H.R. 1518 and approved the bill by voice vote. It is still unclear when it will go to the Senate Floor.
- Both bills have wide bipartisan support.



# Federal Legislation to Amend the Horse Protection Act of 1970

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- H.R. 1518 *Prevent All Soring Tactics Act*
  - 304 cosponsors
    - 190 Democrats
    - 114 Republicans
- S. 1406 *Prevent All Soring Tactics Act*
  - 57 cosponsors
    - 46 Democrats
    - 9 Republicans
    - 2 independent

# Federal Internet Gambling Legislation

H.R. 4301 and S. 2159 the *Restoration of America's Wire Act*

- Identical bills were introduced in both the House and Senate in April of this year, and have since been referred to their respective Judiciary Committees.
- The bills would restore the U.S. Department of Justice's former interpretation of the *WIRE Act* to its pre-December 2011 meaning.



# Federal Internet Gambling Legislation

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- H.R. 4301 *Restoration of America's Wire Act*
  - 18 cosponsors
    - 5 Democrats
    - 13 Republicans
- S. 2159 *Restoration of America's Wire Act*
  - 3 cosponsors
    - 1 Democrat
    - 2 Republicans

# Immigration Reform

- Any chances that immigration reform would get through the current Congress were shot down in late June when the Speaker of the House told President Obama that there would be no House vote allowed this year.
- It is critical for the different segments of the horse industry to coordinate in working with the USCIS in order to help address the industry's problems.





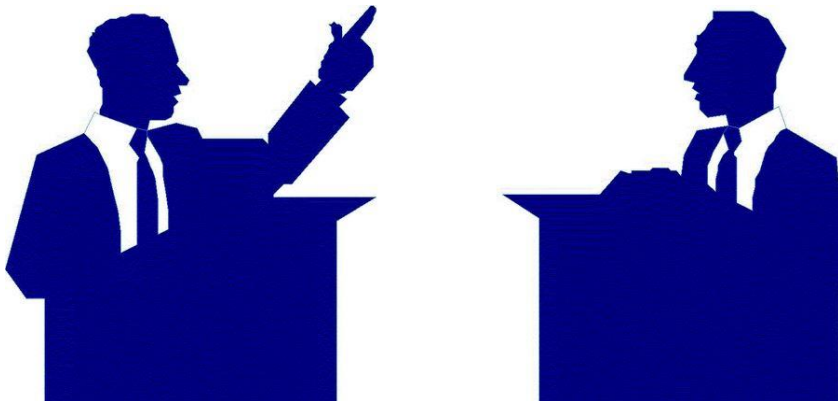
# Federal Tax Legislation

- H.R. 998 the *Equine Tax Parity Act* and H.R. 2212 the *Race Horse Cost Recovery Act* are both in the House Ways and Means Committee.
  - Neither bill will be considered alone, and both bills, or some variation thereof, will need to be attached to another viable legislative vehicle.
- The tax extenders, some 60 different tax provisions, that expired in 2013 are the likely vehicle for these bills. This would mean that a short-term extension of three year depreciation of horses is the most likely outcome.



# Federal Tax Legislation

- S. 2260, the *Expiring Provisions Improvement Reform and Efficiency Act* - approved by the Senate Finance Committee on April 3, 2014.
  - The bill would retroactively extend the expired three-year recovery period for race horses for two years to apply to any race horse before January 2016.
  - It would apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2013.
  - Not likely to be considered until the lame duck session.



# Federal Legislation on Horse Transportation

- H.R. 4440, the *Horse Transportation Safety Act*, was introduced in the House on April 9, 2014 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- S. 1459, the companion bill in the Senate, has been referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.



# Federal Legislation on Horse Transportation

- H.R. 4440 *Horse Transportation Safety Act*
  - Bill has 34 cosponsors
    - 31 Democrats
    - 3 Republicans
- S. 1459 *Horse Transportation Safety Act*
  - 8 cosponsors
    - All Democrats

# Federal Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act

- H.R. 1528 the *Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act* was approved on July 8, 2014 by a voice vote in the House. The Senate then approved the bill by unanimous consent on July 16, 2014.
- The Act amends the federal Controlled Substances Act to clarify that veterinarians are allowed to transport, administer and dispense controlled substances and medications in the field as they have in the past.



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Thank You

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