

**Transportation/Aviation Update**

February 27, 2026

NEXT WEEKHouse

Hearing: Motor Carrier Commercial Drivers Licenses. On March 4, the Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled "Highway Safety Under Threat: Examining Non-Domiciled CDL Issuance to Illegal Aliens." Witnesses have yet to be announced. Information on the hearing will be posted [here](#).

- During President Trump's State of the Union address late Tuesday, he called on Congress to pass legislation to bar states from issuing commercial driver's licenses, or CDLs, to undocumented immigrants.

Hearing: DOT & HUD Inspector Generals. On March 5 the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee will hear from the Inspector Generals of DOT and HUD. DOT Deputy Inspector Mitch Behm will testify. Video can be accessed [here](#).

Possible Markup: Aviation Safety – ALERT Act. Following the House rejection of S. 2503, the ROTOR Act, the Senate-passed bill aimed to improve safety in crowded airspace near airports (see below), Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) has said he would like to move quickly for a Committee vote on the *Airspace Location and Enhanced Risk Transparency Act of 2026* or the ALERT Act.

- Chairman Graves introduced the ALERT Act as an alternative to the Senate bill, arguing that it is more comprehensive in addressing NTSB safety recommendations issued in the aftermath of last year's American Airlines collision with a military helicopter. NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy has expressed concern that the ALERT Act makes it easier to avoid requirements in the Senate bill to operate aircraft with ADS-B transponders, which help identify aircraft.

Senate

As of today, there are no transportation related events scheduled next week.

THIS WEEKHouse

Floor Vote: Aviation Safety – ROTOR Act. On February 23, the full House failed to pass [S. 2503](#), the *Rotorcraft Operations Transparency and Oversight Reform Act* or ROTOR Act. S. 2503 unanimously passed the Senate on December 17.

Senate

Floor Vote: On February 26, the Senate voted 56-33 to confirm Ryan McCormack, a longtime aide of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, to be DOT Undersecretary for Policy. Undersecretary McCormack will play a leading role in the Trump Administration’s policies on the surface transportation bill and overseeing DOT grants, such as the BUILD grant program.

Department of Transportation

Nothing of note to report.