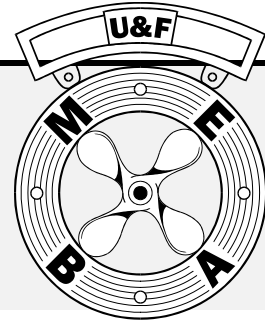


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Joseph Biden's Maritime Voting History Revealed

Between 1989 and 1996 there were 13 roll-call votes in the Senate directly affecting the programs and policies important to the U.S.-flag Merchant Marine and our maritime industry. Senator Joe Biden has a perfect 100 percent "right" voting record - voting in support of the U.S.-flag Merchant Marine all 13 times. These votes include 9 relating to cargo preference as well as the vote on final passage of the original Maritime Security Program.

Senator John McCain voted "right" on only 6 of these 13 votes, voting against our industry the remaining 7 times.

Nine other current Senators also voted "right" all 13 times: Thad Cochran, Chris Dodd, Daniel Inouye, Patrick Leahy, Joe Lieberman, Barbara Mikulski, Harry Reid, Jay Rockefeller, and Ted Stevens.

TWIC Compliance Dates Set for Baltimore, Delaware Bay, Mobile, Lower Mississippi River, Ohio Valley, Pittsburgh, and San Diego

On August 28th, the *Federal Register* informed owners and operators of facilities located within Captain of the Port Zones in Baltimore, Delaware Bay, Mobile, Lower Mississippi River, Ohio Valley, Pittsburgh, and San Diego that they must implement access control procedures utilizing TWIC no later than December 30, 2008. It stated:

“The TSA and Coast Guard have determined that this date provides sufficient time for the estimated population required to obtain TWICs for these COTP Zones to enroll and for TSA to complete the necessary security threat assessments for those enrollment applications. We strongly encourage persons requiring unescorted access to facilities regulated by 33 CFR part 105 and located in one of these COTP Zones to enroll for their TWIC as soon as possible, if they haven't already.”