

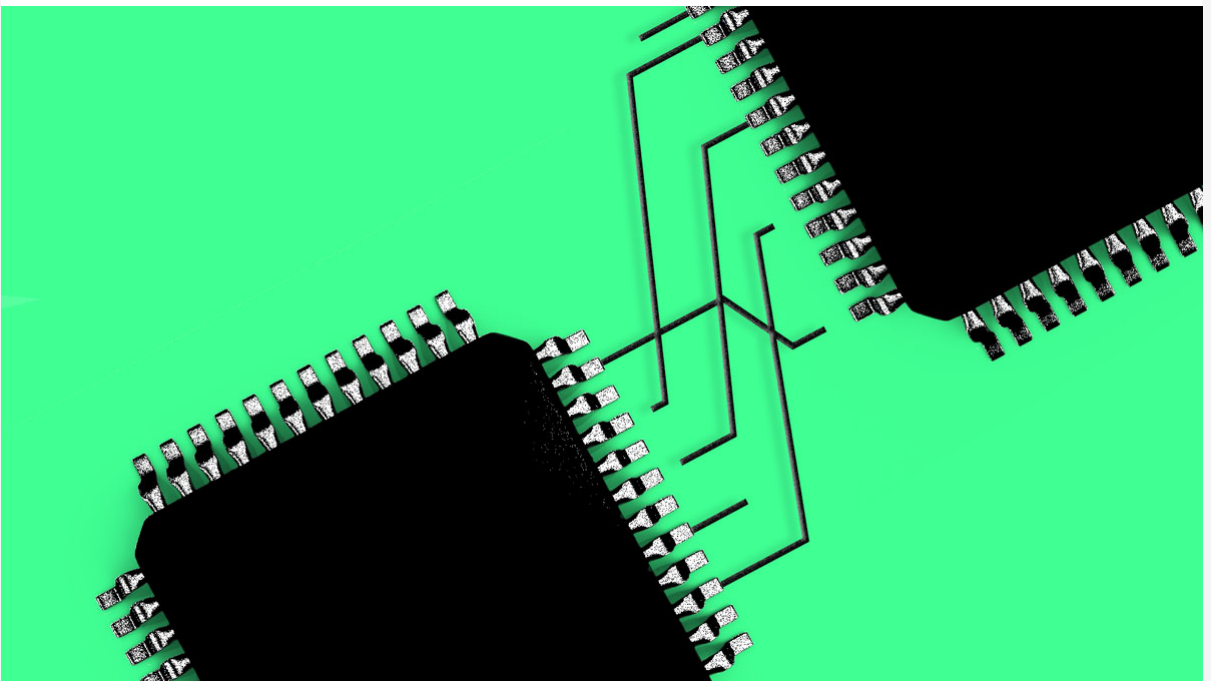


GR Jolt

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Welcome back to the Jolt...NEMA GR has been busy while Congress was on recess...as always, catch up quick with the GR Jolt.

1 big thing: Semiconductor funding



Majority Leader Schumer is preparing to hold a vote on a narrow version of the China competitiveness legislation focusing solely on semiconductor funding and a semiconductor investment tax credit for manufacturing investments in the United States.

These reports came on the heels of the White House urging Congress to work expeditiously to pass support for CHIPS before the August recess.

NEMA continued our advocacy on the legislation, including by meeting with Representative Matsui (D-CA06) last week, and is in contact with Congressional Offices working on the legislation.

Why it matters: NEMA member companies perform essential functions across critical infrastructure sectors including healthcare, energy, grid, information technology, medical imaging, transportation, water/wastewater, and efficient home appliances. All depend on the global supply of semiconductors. Without semiconductors, production slows or stops.

Go deeper: NEMA has been [pressing](#) Congress to:

1. Focus on the availability of all types of chips, including memory chips, microprocessors, standard chips, and chips with complex embedded software systems – each of which plays a unique role in technologies and critical infrastructure across the economy.
2. Provide manufacturing support for elements of the broader semiconductor ecosystem; including transistors, diodes, and other components which are critical to manufacturing many electrical products.

Policy Speakers at NEMA Board of Governors

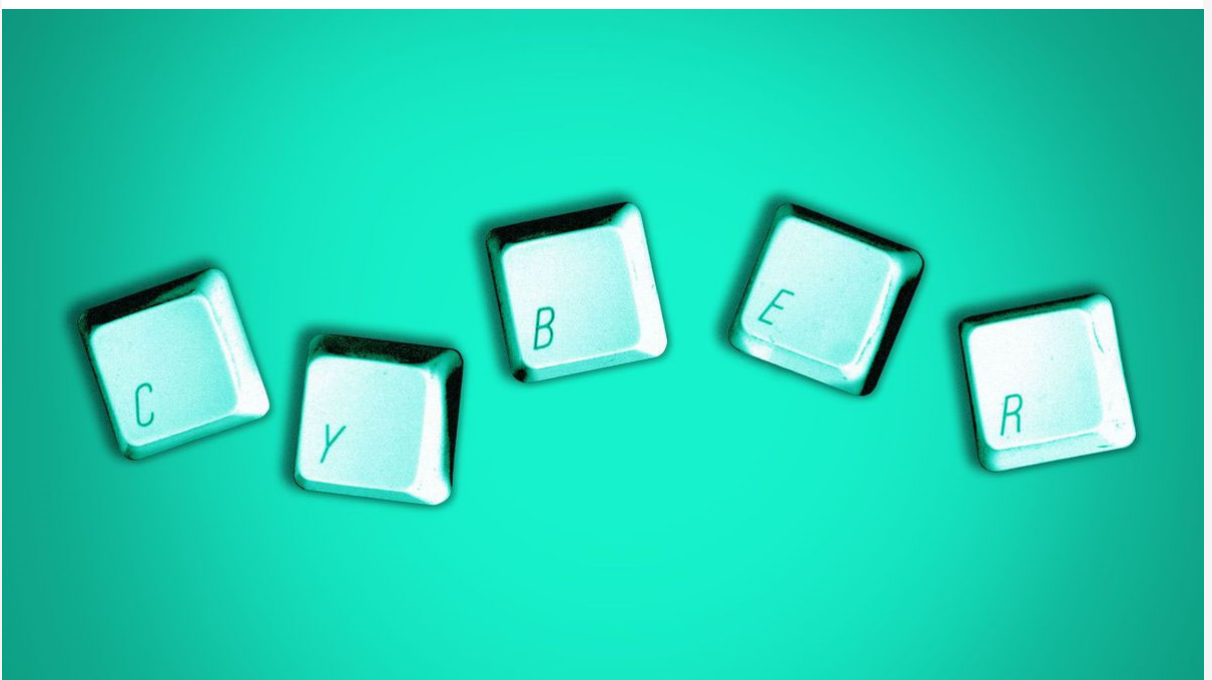


On July 7th NEMA hosted its July Board of Governors meeting at NEMA Headquarters. The meeting featured three senior policy-focused speakers who addressed issues top of mind to NEMA Board Members.

Why it matters:

- The U.S Chamber of Commerce’s Senior Vice President for International Policy, John Murphy addressed ongoing supply chain and trade issues facing the electroindustry and provided a snapshot of potential barriers and relief.
- Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-06) is a leader on energy and climate issues in the U.S. House. Graves provided a preview of Republicans’ plans for energy, environment, and climate issue in the next Congress, should they retake the majority.
- Department of Energy’s Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure, Dr. Kathleen Hogan provided insights into the Biden Administration’s plans to distribute \$62 billion of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, much of which NEMA members could be eligible to receive.

NEMA supported cyber amendment included in NDAA



The House passed its version of the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Why it matters: The measure included an Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training Initiative NEMA supports and had been pushing for in recent meetings on the Hill.

Go deeper: The amendment authorizes the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to establish a cybersecurity training initiative that will educate information technology professionals on how to best protect industrial control systems.

Build America, Buy America



During the Congressional recess, NEMA continued its Build America Buy America (BABA) advocacy by meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

What's next: NEMA will meet with the Department of Energy to discuss BABA implications for its grid modernization program in the coming weeks.

- **NEMA** is also working to develop a survey for members to provide input on BABA implications for the electroindustry's supply chain, as well as identifying supply chain bottlenecks and strategic areas of investment.

NEMA letter to ITC on tariffs

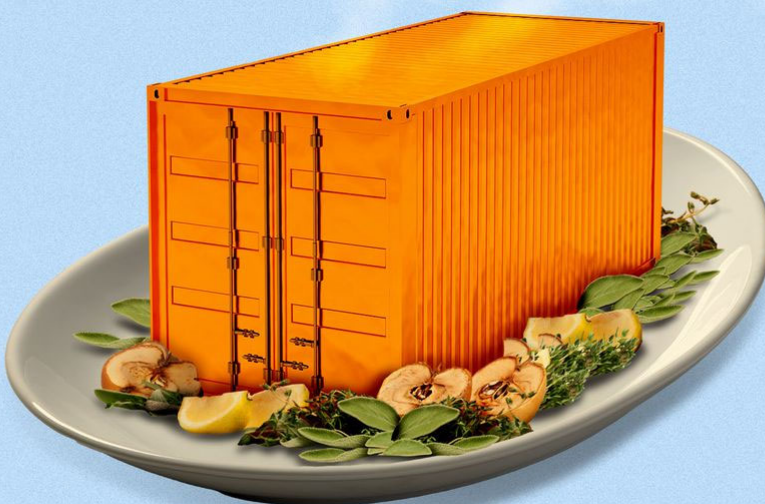


NMEA joined 170 trade associations in a letter to the International Trade Commission in advance of their hearing on the 232/301 tariffs.

The bottom line: The letter asked the ITC to end the China 301 tariffs that have had a disproportionate economic impact on American companies, consumers, and workers and that have failed to change China's unfair trade practices.

Go deeper: Read the [letter](#) here.

NEMA advocates on port labor negotiations



NEMA joined nearly 160 trade associations in a letter to President Biden urging the administration to continue to work with the

International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) to reach a new labor agreement without any disruption to port operations.

Why it matters: Following the letter, the PMA and ILWU announced that while there will be no contract extension, cargo will keep moving, and normal operations will continue at the ports until an agreement can be reached.

Go deeper: Read the [letter](#) and a WSJ [article](#) on the situation.

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