

Session, and 9 months before the 86th Texas Legislative Session begins (Jan.). Make a point to review the federal motorcycle bills currently before the U.S. Congress. Which ones have the best chance of passing? Which ones need our help the most? I believe the **RPM Act of 2017 (HR 350)** will pass the House—it has already made it out of the committee, and the bill has 144 co-sponsors! The RPM Act has support not only from motorcyclists, but also from other motor vehicle enthusiasts. I believe it will also pass the Senate. The other bills have few co-sponsors, and unfortunately, I don't believe have much chance of making it to the floor for a vote.

There are two (2) federal resolutions that address motorcycle profiling, and everyone knows how important it is to pass one of them! This is where we need to go to work! As you know, a simple resolution only need pass one chamber to pass! S. Res. 154 is the Senate version, and only has 5 co-sponsors as of March 26th--we should have more! As much as I hate to say it, this resolution has little chance of passing. The House resolution, **HR. 318** has 26 co-sponsors, and a much better chance of making it to the floor. You might remember, during the 114th Congress, the house resolution had about 33 co-sponsors, and it never made it out of committee. We need more than 33 co-sponsors! We need at least twice this many; Michael Burgess is the only co-sponsor from Texas, yet Texas has 150 Reps! Where are the other 149 District Reps? Does your State Rep not know that profiling is going on in his/her district? Perhaps he/she doesn't care--ask 'em! We only have 26 co-sponsors--we have motorcycles in all 50 States! If you have not yet asked your rep to co-sponsor **HR 318**, it's not too late! Go to MRF.org and take action. Send your Rep an email...and/or call them. Remind them that motorcycle profiling is illegal! Remind your Rep that we will be in DC on May 15th, and we look forward to discussing **HR 318** with them!

By all means, do not give up on the other bills of interest to us (autocycles, black box, various E-15 bills, etc.). Pick your favorite one, and contact your Representative (include discussion on **HR 318**). We also oppose HR 1311, which was filed on 2/2/17 and already has 45 co-sponsors! We need to let our representatives know that we **OPPOSE** this bill--to amend the Clean Air Act (with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid Vapor Pressure limitations--raising levels from E10 to E15). Do your homework, and let's work on **support** for (US) **HR 318**, and oppose HR 1311.

INDEPENDENTS INFO

--E, Independent Rep/Board Member

We are seeking to host/co-host the City of Austin proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Contact "E" for details. Email eer17tx@gmail.com. (See "Upcoming Events" for more info and links)

DO YOU KNOW...Where to find Texas Abate Confederation State Meeting Minutes???

As required, we must provide you an opportunity to review the minutes from our state meetings. Although some information from these meetings can be found in the newsletter, you are welcome to read the official minutes by clicking http://texasabate.com/newsletters/newsletter_archives.html. Scroll down to "State Meeting Minutes" and click on the date you wish to review. Should you have any questions please contact your chapter or independent representative at the link provided on the [Texas Chapters](#) page of our state website (<http://texasabate.com/>)

BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) "Michael 'Boz' Kerr 10th Annual BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY" is coming up on May 15th! This will be the 3rd year in a row that Texas will attend, and it promises to be the biggest and best yet! Last year we were challenged to bring more riders from Texas, everyone is encouraged to attend! Texas bikers need to make appointments with their Reps NOW, even if you're not going to DC; we'll discuss motorcycle bills with your Rep, and we'll represent your district! Heck, if you get an answer from your Rep., tell them you're gonna let someone else set the appointment--and forward the email to me at: Skee.Dodson@Texasabate.com. I will take it from there...easy, right? I am looking forward to seeing my representative, John Ratcliffe, and discussing HR 318! He is also on the House Homeland Security Committee, which is the committee that will decide if this resolution goes anywhere! We need you to ask for an appointment with your US Congress-member (representative). This year we will not be authorized to "drop-in" on a Representative without an appointment. PLEASE send your Rep. an email--tell them you are their constituent and you would like to visit with him/her on May 15th--and that you're bringing your friends (-:D)! The MRF always has good information to leave with them--but first we need an appointment; Please, DC is too far to ride for only a few appointments! Anyone who is interested in riding to DC on May 12th, hit me up! Best ride ever (2,800 miles-round-trip/6 days)--and the 10th Anniversary for BITB too! Remember, our rights come with responsibilities!

Texas Abate Confederation, Inc. is a motorcycle rights organization that is dedicated to freedom of the road for all motorcyclists, promotes rider education for all motorcycle riders, motorcycle awareness for all automobile drivers, and fights discriminatory legislation aimed towards the motorcycling community.

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