

**November 2012
Post-Election Wrap-Up**

November 6, 2012, Americans headed to the polls and voted for an essentially “status quo” Federal government; with Democrats continuing to control the White House and the Senate, and Republicans controlling the House of Representatives. While much of the current talk surrounds the fiscal cliff issue, we continue to promote and look for opportunities for inclusion or enactment of H.R.2866/S.1526, the Mechanical Insulation Installation Incentive Act (MIIIA), before Congress adjourns at the end of the year, marking the end of the 112th Congress.

The National Insulation Association (NIA) continues to push strongly for action in the remaining weeks of 2012, as we lost numerous cosponsors of H.R. 2866 in the House of Representatives through retirement, election loss, or sponsors running for another office. These members include:

- Rep. Jason Altmire (D-PA)
- Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO)
- Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL)
- Rep. Mark Critz (D-PA)
- Rep. Joe Donnelly (D-IN)
- Rep. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
- Rep. Timothy Johnson (R-IL)
- Rep. Steven LaTourette (R-OH)
- Rep. Don Manzullo (R-IL)
- Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI)
- Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA)
- Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA)
- Rep. Bobby Schilling (R-IL)

This represents 13 losses of the current 77 MIIIA cosponsors for this year in the House. However, both Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Joe Donnelly (D-IN) were elected to the Senate and hopefully will continue their support of mechanical insulation when they are sworn into office in early January. All five Senators cosponsoring MIIIA remain in office for the next term.

In other news, you may remember reading in the September 2012 edition of the *Insulation Advocate* that we finalized the last component of the Mechanical Insulation Education and Awareness Campaign (MIC). NIA printed three marketing flyers promoting the simple calculators, commercial and industrial data, and E-Learning modules (www.nerlearning.org). Included in each NIA members' 2013 dues invoice mailing was a complimentary copy of each flyer and an order form entitling NIA members in good standing (2013 membership dues paid) to an additional 25 complimentary copies of each flyer. (The only expense is a \$10 shipping/handling fee.) Member companies who are Gold Elite Foundation contributors are entitled to 100 complimentary copies of each flyer. The mailing went to the primary representative of each member company. We hope that you will take advantage of this offer and accept your complimentary copies. If you need more information please contact us at niainfo@insulation.org.

November was an interesting month, and the election results recapped above present challenges and opportunities for us in the 113th Congress. We're ready to roll up our sleeves once again and continue our mission to promote mechanical insulation. We've come a long way, and we thank you for your support.

Until next month, stay tuned and stay passionate!

Regards,



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