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# **Legislative & Regulatory News**

# NLRB sends request for information that includes remote union elections

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has sent out a request for information for "industry solutions regarding the capacity, availability, methodology, and interest of industry sources for procuring and implementing secure electronic voting services for both remote and on-site elections." **Read More...** 

# Let Congress know your views on credit/debit card fee reform

Progress has been made in the U.S. Senate toward debit card fee reform, which is a top priority for NAEDA. **Read More...** 

#### **Events**

**June 16-17** 

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# **NAEDA attends USDA Rural Summit**

NAEDA Vice President of Government Relations Mike Williams attended the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Summit in Hillsboro, Mo., June 3. The summit was hosted by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. **Read More...** 

# Access U.S. young adult health care coverage fact sheet

The White House has issued a fact sheet regarding the expansion of health care coverage to young adults authorized under the Affordable Care Act legislation. **Read More...** 

# BP agrees to \$20 billion escrow fund for gulf oil disaster

Not a full day had passed following President Obama's first Oval Office address to the nation that his proposed \$20 billion escrow fund was approved by British Petroleum (BP) officials. The escrow is expected to help compensate those negatively affected by the Gulf oil disaster and will be administered by a third-party, government-approved agency. **Read More...** 

# National broadband plan could create a digital divide for rural areas

Reps Sam Graves (R-MO) and Betsy Markey (D-CO), along with 38 other representatives, sent a letter to Julius Genachowski, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, expressing concern about the negative effect the new National Broadband Plan (NBP) could have on rural areas. The letter expressed their concerns that the plan could create a digital divide between urban and rural areas. **Read More...** 

# NPDES draft permit for pesticide applications to water is published

EPA has published its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) draft permit for public comment until July 19. The permit is the result of a court case and will be initially required for four instances of applying pesticides to (or over) U.S. waters. While EPA is stating that agriculture is not covered under this permit, there is no doubt in the minds of many that agriculture will be brought into Clean Water Act. **Read More...** 

#### June 29

Nebraska Legislative Meeting & Golf Outing Read More...

# **CEO Blog**

# Who's Guarding the Chicken Coop?

#### **June 2010**

Almost everyone I talk with lately is concerned about our economy, the burgeoning debt. widening trade deficits, and the shaky geopolitical situation. I will grant you this could simply be the people I hang around with, but I do not think so. Talk of increasing taxes, whether local, state or federal, abounds. Read More...

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# Agriculture Department is changing its stewardship program

The Department of Agriculture is increasing payments and adding new conservation practices under its new Conservation Stewardship Program to encourage farmers and forest producers to improve and preserve the quality of land, air and water in agricultural and forest operations. **Read More...** 

# Will there be an energy bill this summer?

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has told the Senate committee chairman with jurisdiction over energy policy to submit recommendations or report legislation prior to the July 4 recess so the chamber can move forward on energy legislation. **Read More...** 

# Department of Justice and USDA announce dairy workshop

The Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have announced additional details regarding the June 25 public workshop in Madison, Wis., which will examine competition and regulatory issues in the dairy industry. **Read More...** 

# **Take Action**



## Card Check Legislation

NAEDA continues to oppose passage of Card Check, known officially as the Employee Free Choice Act. If you have not sent a letter opposing this legislation, please click here and send an electronic letter to members of your congressional delegation.

For information from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) about its call for "industry solutions" to this legislation, click <u>NLRB Card Check</u>.

# About NAEDA Update

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# **Debit Card Swipe Fees**

The banks and credit card companies will stop at nothing to strip these merchantand customer-friendly provisions out of the proposed law. We need your support to call and e-mail your representatives and senators in Congress. To send a letter to them via email, just click this link and complete the information on the right hand column.

Congress needs to hear from <u>you</u>. The conference committee negotiating the final version of the bill will wrap up its work the week of June 21. Speak up now or a golden opportunity may be lost to reform credit and debit card fees.

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Dealers can tap into new sales opportunities by using UCC data to

boost service, parts and aftermarket sales. Read More...

## EDF seeks your support to offer a helping hand

The Equipment Dealers Foundation (EDF) continues to offer a helping hand to employees of equipment dealers. EDF has received applications for assistance from employees who lost their homes and possessions during turbulent weather in April and May. Fortunately, EDF has not received reports of personal injuries to dealership employees. But the toll of losing everything is personal enough. **Read More...** 

## NAEDA to host 'Dealer Experience' at GIE+EXPO 2010

'The Dealer Experience' dealer education sessions will again be a part of GIE+EXPO for the 2010 show, set to take place Oct. 28-29, in Louisville, Ky. The sessions are sponsored by STIHL Inc. and Gravely and hosted by NAEDA and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). **Read More...** 

## Risk managers: attend Federated Insurance program July 19-21

Send your dealership's risk manager to the Federated Insurance designated risk management program July 19-21 in Owatonna, Minn. **Read More...** 



**KPA Compliance Tip: OSHA increases penalties for safety violations** 

# Free upcoming KPA webinars:

June 24 - The Ten Deadly Questions - Learn how to manage problem employees and decrease your liability in the event of termination. Read More.

July 1 - HR Recordkeeping Simplified - Easy steps to reduce paperwork and maintain critical records. For more information, Read More.

# **Canadian News**

## Economy grows at fastest pace in a decade according to RBC

Canada's gross domestic product is projected to grow by 3.6 percent this year, according to a new forecast from RBC Economics. This follows real GDP growth of 6.1 percent in the first quarter, which RBC says was the fastest pace in over a decade. **Read More...** 

## Federal budget passes final vote thanks to 30 Liberal absentees

Stephen Harper's minority Conservative government has passed its fifth consecutive federal budget with the tacit support of the Liberal opposition. **Read More...** 

# Canada wins key fight against bank tax

Canada has won a key fight in its high-profile international campaign against a global bank tax as G-20 finance ministers June 12 approved a plan that allows countries to manage the issue as they see fit. **Read More...** 

#### Canada to host G-8 and G-20 summits

Canada will assume the 2010 G-8 presidency and will host this year's G-8 summit on June 25-26 in Canada's Muskoka region of Ontario. **Read More...** 

# Canadian job market gains for fifth straight month

Canada's labor market is healing, with employers creating jobs for the fifth time in a row in May as gains in full-time work outweighed losses in part-time positions. **Read More...** 

# Western wheat planting a washout

The Canadian Wheat Board has released a grim preliminary crop forecast of what it calls unprecedented wet weather across the prairies. **Read More...** 



#### Identity Theft is life changing. Just ask any of the 10 million victims from last year.

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