

FAST TRACK NEWS AND EVENTS – JAN. 13, 2014

Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track) Bill – S1900 and HR 3830.

- The bill is nearly identical to the 2002 bill. Public Citizen currently doing a side-by-side analysis.
- **A hearing will be held in the Senate Finance Committee this Thursday.** 5 members of the committee so far have said they are unhappy with the process so far.
- **Timeline for Senate bill:** mark-up of the bill with a vote, potentially, the last week of January or the 1st week in February
- No hearing set for the House yet
- House Republicans have said they will not take bill to the floor unless the President can guarantee 50 Democratic votes
- 151 Dems so far oppose Fast Track; about 27 GOP; need 217/218 NO votes (2 vacancies now)
- House will be in home districts Jan. 21-24. May be our last opportunity to meet face-to-face before House bill comes up for a vote.
- **In-person letter drops are highly encouraged; 1 visit=100 emails**
- Jan. 28, President's State of the Union address – Fast Track/TPP may be mentioned, but probably won't be in the top 3.
- **Letter to the Editor/Petition Campaign**—sample letters, info given at: http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/1987/letter/?letter_KEY=1515
- New Fast Track bill gives broader “consultation” with Congress, but this was in the previous bill. There are no consequences for ignoring consultation with Congress. Negotiating objectives from Congress were completely ignored in NAFTA agreement. No repercussions; it's not enforceable!

Conference Calls, Webinars. Actions:

Wednesday Jan. 15 - 1-3pm. EST. - Progressive Round Table with Fast Track opponents representatives Alan Grayson (D-FL), Jim McGovern (D-MA), Mark Pocan (D-WI) as well as **Lori Wallach** from Public Citizen and others who will be talking about Fast Track and the need to bring Wall Street under control. You can watch the Live Stream at <http://www.weactradio.com/roundtable>

Wednesday, January 15th: CITIZENS TRADE CAMPAIGN'S MONTHLY NATIONAL TPP ORGANIZING CALL **Time:** 3:00pm EST/ 2:00pm CST /1:00pm MST /12:00pm PST. **Dial-in Number: 1-218-862-7200 Conference Code: 766942**

Jan. 21, 22, 23 –Various Press Conferences about Fast Track bill are being planned in NYC and on LI. Will keep you posted.

Saturday, Jan. 25 - "Stop the TPP Issue Call", 9am PT / 10 MT / 11 CT / 12pm ET, Featuring Arthur Stamoulis from Citizens Trade Watch, Alliance for Democracy's

Nancy Price and Ruth Caplan, and Kevin Zeese of It's Our Economy.org, RSVP at http://www.justicepartyusa.org/stop_the_tpp_issue_call

Tools and Websites for Fast Track:

- Txt of each bill is on www.thomas.gov just insert the bill #
- Go to Popvox where you can publicly oppose the House bill - <https://www.popvox.com/bills/us/113/hr3830>
- Here's the Senate bill S1900 -- right now 90% oppose -- <https://www.popvox.com/bills/us/113/s1900>
- All the PDA tools are here: <http://www.pdamerica.org/issues/economic-and-social-justice/stop-the-tpp>
- OP ED LETTERS TO MAKE YOUR OWN: <http://tinyurl.com/FastTrackOpEd>
- Letters 2 Editors <http://tinyurl.com/FastTrackLetr2Editors>

Videos about TPP and Fast Track

INTERVIEW WITH LORI WALLACH on TPP & YOU (Fabulous! about 45 minutes, but worth every minute): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Wytq5cPk3Y>

LORI WALLACH: 20 YEARS OF NAFTA (Jan. 3, 2014): http://www.democracynow.org/2014/1/3/nafta_at_20_lori_wallach_on

DR. MARGARET FLOWERS GIVES EXCELLENT SUMMARY OF TPP (about 6 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwJS1iL76-8>

SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN ON THE TPP (about 4.5 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAgJalwdXLI>

INTERVIEWS BY DEMOCRACY NOW with reps of AFL-CIO and Democracy Center: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzMdSmXmb54&feature=endscreen&NR=1>

TPP, THE INTERNET, & COPYRIGHTS (animated, about 5 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3KlrfjcjV4>

INTERVIEW WITH PUBLIC CITIZEN RESEARCH DIRECTOR (about 10 min.): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfII0miqAhA>

