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| **House Transportation Committee To Hold Hearing On Federal Role In America’s Infrastructure**  The Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Bill Shuster (R-PA) has announced that his committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 entitled, “The Federal Role in America’s Infrastructure.” The list of those testifying at the hearing has yet to be announced. On the same day, Chairman Shuster is slated to deliver remarks at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s 2013 Transportation Infrastructure Summit. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the conference will “explore fundamental issues facing transportation infrastructure including: defining the federal role, identifying challenges to supply chains, and expanding public private partnerships. In an opinion article that appeared on Congressional Quarterly’s website on January 2, 2013, Chairman Shuster made the following observation on the federal role in America’s infrastructure, “Our national transportation system binds us together. As President Dwight D. Eisenhower observed, without the unifying force of transportation, “we would be a mere alliance of many separate parts.” Working together in the 113th Congress, the committee will focus on strengthening America’s national transportation network to make us more efficient, more competitive and more prosperous. This is an important responsibility of government — especially the federal government.” Our federal representatives in Washington, DC will participate in both the congressional hearing and the Chamber’s Transportation Infrastructure Summit. |
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