

# Deep Water Port *notes*

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## Maritime Matters in Washington

By Mr. Paul Bea



*Tanker "E PIONEER" discharges a cargo of gasoline at Magellan T-Dock in New Haven. The freighter on the starboard bow is at Gateway Terminal loading scrap metal. Photo by Captain Charles P. Jonas, Connecticut Pilot*

The House and Senate are in lame duck session as negotiations take place on the "fiscal cliff." Congress is taking up other matters—giving final approval to the Coast Guard & MARAD authorization act—but the focus is on the approaching expiration of Bush tax cuts and the impending automatic spending cuts of \$1.2 trillion, half of which would be from defense, effective January 1. An issue definitely

being held over until the new Congress is WRDA legislation to advance navigation and other Civil Works projects. A late attempt by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to have her committee take up a bill was scrapped. Instead, she and incoming House transportation chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) vow to move on a water resources bill early next year.

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