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Congress is in the midst of debating a large number of trade priorities that will set the U.S. course for trade relations for the next decade. Among the considerations under discussion are increased trade relations with Asia through the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the European Union through the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). But this is not all; the U.S. is looking to renew unilateral trade preferences under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), and Sub-Saharan countries preferences as part of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). In addition, Congress may soon move to renew the temporary duty suspensions found in heading 9902 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule as part of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), and to modernize Customs laws through a Customs Modernization bill effort. Finally, the potential to get all this work done in 2015 depends on how quickly Congress can move on passage of the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) bill, which grants authority to the President to engage in trade negotiations and to expedite the Congressional approval process.

So what does this all mean for the U.S., and specifically for California? What are the risks and opportunities that this trade legislation presents? And if increased trade is expected, is California, and particularly the port of LA prepared to handle it? What could Congress do to modernize port infrastructure and avoid current problems at the port?

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