Washington Update

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What is the Hardwood Federation?

• Voice of the Hardwood Industry
• Represents 26 Hardwood trade associations and organizations in DC
• Educate Congress, the Administration and Department staff about the issues that most impact the hardwood business in the U.S.
2015 Recap

• Northern Long Eared Bat
• Federal Forest Reform
• Tax Extenders
• Biomass as Carbon Neutral
2016 Political Landscape

- Presidential Election Year
- All House Seats In Contention
- 34 Senate Seats In Contention
  - 24 Currently Held by Republicans
  - 10 Currently Held by Democrats
Hardwood Federation in 2016
### Senate In Session Only

- **January**
  - 1, 2
- **February**
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- **March**
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

### House and Senate In Session

- **April**
  - 1, 2
- **May**
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- **June**
  - 1, 2, 3, 4

### House In Session Only

- **July**
  - 1, 2
- **August**
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- **September**
  - 1, 2, 3

### November

- 1, 2, 3
- 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
- 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
- 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

### December

- 1, 2, 3
- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
- 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
- 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Issues to Watch – Hardwood Specific

• Forest Management
• NLEB 4-D Rule
• Biomass
• Regulatory Reform Efforts
Issues to Watch – Broad Scope

• Trans Pacific Partnership Vote
• Tax Reform Proposals
• Executive Orders
• Republican Messaging Bills
QUESTIONS?