

Congress Working on Major Auto Safety Bill – More Power to NHTSA

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<u>Legislation is being built right now in Congress that will have a major impact on recalls and roadway safety in the coming years.</u> Both the House and Senate are working on bills that many say are a reaction to the Congressional hearings dealing with the Toyota recalls.

In sum, the measures look to increase the power of the federal government – through the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) – to immediately recall any vehicle on American roads the agency deemed to be unsafe.

Safety features are also being proposed, such as the <u>"black boxes"</u> long requested by car safety advocates and fought against by those concerned about <u>privacy issues connected</u> with the black box data.

This is the first time in ten years that Congress has worked on laws dealing with national auto safety. Let's see what happens.