

# Memo

To: Kate Breen, NAATS President  
From: Wally Pike, Congressional Affairs  
CC: file  
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Re: Update

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As we discussed last night, the conference is set to start at 4:30pm Eastern today. The House conferees are Knollenberg (MI), Wolf (VA), Rogers (KY), Tiahrt (KS), Northup (KY), Aderholt (AL), Sweeney (NY), Culberson (TX), Regula (OH), Lewis (CA), Olver (MA), Hoyer (MD), Pastor (AZ), Kilpatrick (MI), Clyburn (SC), Rothman (NJ), and Obey (WI). Expectations are that the bill will be finished this week but nothing is guaranteed.

Thus far there is no indication that Lockheed Martin is opposed to our efforts. We have heard contradictory things regarding the FAA's position, however. Initially we heard that they were lobbying against the 1.7% correction but this hasn't been definitive. Anything you hear from your FAA sources would be very helpful.

For the reason above it's probably better that we don't identify everyone we're talking with right now. We did have a very productive meeting with a House member yesterday afternoon and we explored the possibility of retirement age waiver, federal retirement for all affected FSS employees as well as other considerations. I don't think these have a great chance of success but at least we've got them on the board.

Congressman Sanders is continuing to push the amendment corrections I listed in the update yesterday. My feeling is these have a more likely chance of being adopted but, again, nothing is certain at this point.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.