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There was a letter sent to Senator Christopher Bond and Senator Patty Murray today by Senator Johnson, Senator Spectra, Senator Dorgan, and Senator Leahy as the next step in getting an amendment to the appropriations bill in the Senate. There won't be much more done over the weekend, I'll keep you informed of the progress.

We still need you to stay energized and ask your Senators to support the amendment once we get it. This overwhelming vote in the House will stir the hornets nest and we will need everyone engaged to make sure your representatives know the whole truth, not just the half truths they've been hearing. Right now it's hard without specific language, but I'm hopeful to get that by the end of next week.

Wally is on vacation for the next couple of weeks, so any information or questions on this latest effort should be sent to me at my naatspres@aol.com address. It's going to be a hectic couple of weeks, so please bear with me if I don't get back to you on other issues for a day or so. I'll be working closely with our legislative support and promise to keep you up to date.

The other amendment to the appropriations bill last week was the gutting of the \$150 Million for transition costs. This could stop the process by forcing the FAA to renegotiate the contract. The transition costs are estimated to be \$190 Million dollars this cut would just about make it impossible for the agency to continue.

Nothing on the FOIA's, I checked on them the other day, still waiting. We are hoping to have the injunction filed on the age discrimination suit by the end of next week.

That's about it for right now, enjoy the weekend, and stay safe. Again thanks for all your help on making that vote happen this week, you people are the greatest!

Kate Breen