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There is an update out from Wally that was just distributed along with a power point presentation for your visits to your Senator's offices while they are home on recess. This power point will not be posted anywhere, it is available from your Director/Regco/Facrep or Wally himself. Wally has had some help from a lobbying firm called DCI Group and they have done a fantastic job getting our message out to our elected officials. We still don't have a firm date on when the TTHUD bill will hit the Senate floor, but it may hit sometime around September 15th. As we get closer to the return of the Senate we'll have a better idea.

You should have also seen the update from Mike Sheldon on the Age Discrimination Case. I can't thank Mike enough for taking the lead on this, his help has been greatly appreciated. The hearing to rule on the injunction is set for September 1st at 3:30pm, U.S. Courthouse, 3rd and Constitution, N.W., Courtroom 9, on the 4th floor. We would love to have as many of you come as possible to show support for this case and also allow the Judge to put faces to the names listed on the Case. The Case may go into the next day September 2nd, we just don't know at this point. I realize this is a tough weekend to travel and it would be quite a distance for some of you to come, but if you can make it please let your Director or Mike Sheldon know. I would like to see this courtroom filled with Plaintiffs and their spouses/families/friends.

There is a letter going out to DOL on the wage determination issue today, as soon as I get it electronically I'll have it posted. We are asking DOL to make a determination by October 4th. I'll advise as things happen there.

The BOD still has not made a decision to appeal the decision handed down from the Administrator.

Scott will have an update out by tomorrow on the grievances he has filed nationally this week.

NAGE has been helping us get up to speed on NLRB issues and we should have more information on that by next week.

We are fully aware of retirement issues, including the 1.7% I will follow up with OPM on the letter I sent on July 22nd. We are not giving up, nor are we forgetting issues that are important to all the members, we are simply trying to prioritize. There are also issues or strategies that I cannot put here, your Directors have all the information.

Kate Breen