

Memo

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

We have learned that Senator Byrd will not only vote in favor of our amendment, he will also agree to be a co-sponsor. This should help relieve some of the pressure we discussed yesterday. Again, my congratulations and thanks to our EKN group and any others who contacted the Senator's office.

I have received some questions regarding the conference committee that will reconcile any differences between the Senate and House versions of the TTHUD bills. The exact makeup of the committee is unknown at this time. The members will be named by the Chairmen and Ranking Members of both the Senate and House and they can include themselves if they so desire. The key players are:

1. Joe Knollenberg, MI, House Subcommittee Chairman
2. Christopher S. Bond, MO, Senate Subcommittee Chairman
3. John W. Olver, MA, House Subcommittee Ranking Member
4. Patty Murray, WA, Senate Subcommittee Ranking Member
5. Jerry Lewis, CA, House Full Committee Chairman
6. Thad Cochran, MS, Senate Full Committee Chairman
7. David Obey, WI, House Full Committee Ranking Member
8. Robert C. Byrd, WV, Senate Full Committee Ranking Member

Our members who are constituents of these representatives should make every effort to contact their offices and encourage passage and retention of our amendment. Since the House has already passed our amendment, this is the case even if the unexpected occurs and our amendment is not offered on the Senate floor next week.