

Memo

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

Our congressional meetings are focusing this week on trying to get more support for the House and Senate letters requesting the transition delay. We're meeting with mixed results but there appears to be bi-partisan support to let the Senate have its say before the workforce goes to Lockheed. Anything the membership can do to convince their individual representatives is helpful. Everyone on the Hill agrees that it becomes very difficult for us if the transition to Lockheed does occur next week.

The DOD bill is expected to reach the Senate floor tomorrow. Although we hear different things, we do not know the next item scheduled for the Senate – it could be TTHUD or it could be something else. The continuing resolution we discussed will fund the government, including the FAA, through November 18. The best guess right now is that TTHUD will get Senate consideration during this time. Our feeling remains that the vote will be extremely close on our amendment so we're also trying to shore up support in this area. We also don't want to forget that the House amendment must be addressed in conference regardless of Senate actions.

I'll advise you on any developments – feel free to contact me at any time with questions.