

# Memo

To: Kate Breen, NAATS President  
From: Wally Pike, Congressional Affairs  
CC: file  
Date: November 8, 2005  
Re: Update

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I have received a number of requests for clarification on coverage under amendment 2150 to HR 3058. Unfortunately we had nothing to do with that original language so I can't answer any questions on the intent. Those questions should be directed to the amendment sponsor(s). In particular Senator Snowe's staff (Terry McNaughton 202-224-5344) should be able to answer specific questions since they offered the amendment. Regrettably I have not received any answers to numerous calls requesting clarifications. Congressional, OPM and FAA interpretations and implementation are the only important ones.

The proposed revisions we have submitted and that have been accepted by our supporters are;

- Extending the federal coverage time from October 2007 to October 2009.
- Removing discontinued service as a retirement option for consideration to meet the requirements of the amendment.
- Correcting the 1.7% retirement calculation for FSS air traffic controllers.

It should be noted that this is a fallback position between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The House conferees are expected to be named later today and the conference will begin. I will forward the conferee list to you as soon as I get it but it's really academic at this point. No one can reach the conferees once the conference begins so our hope is that the work has already been done. . As of this time our strongest support is in the House. I'll advise you of any developments as soon as I know them.