

Memo

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

The appropriations joint conference is expected to finish TTHUD either today or tomorrow. At this time they are only working two issues; Amtrak and Cuba trade. That means some form of the amendment was finalized but we do not know the content of the agreement.

For the past two days we've been trying to find out what the amendment language states but, so far, even the staffers from the offices offering the amendments (Sanders, Snowe) do not have any details. The conference staffers are all busy so any information is scarce.

As soon as I have any more details I will forward them to you.