

Memo

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

House-Senate conferees hope to reach final agreement on HR 3058 today, which would allow House floor consideration tomorrow. The floor consideration is a formality with no substantive changes expected so whatever the conference has decided in regards to our amendment will be what's enacted. Once the conference report is filed (expected at 2pm today) we should have some word about the language.

The conferees have one dispute remaining - lawsuits involving moving companies. Conferees will also act to reverse a congressional embarrassment by eliminating the new highway law's earmarks for Alaska's two "bridges-to-nowhere," which have drawn national criticism.

The current continuing resolution expires midnight Friday but another is on the way for any spending bills not yet enacted.