

Memo

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

Negotiators were close to an agreement last night on HR 3058, and Rules this morning issued a rule that will allow the House to consider a conference report on the same day it is filed. As soon as I know anything about the amendment I will contact you.

The House yesterday passed, 413-16, a one-month continuing resolution to keep federal agencies and programs operating until their appropriations bills are enacted. The Senate must clear the measure today because the existing CR expires tonight.

Finally, Senator Tim Johnson authored a letter to the conference negotiators that I've included in this update. Unfortunately this letter wasn't coordinated through us or our strongest supporters so it doesn't contain the language we would have preferred.

More details as they develop.