

# Memo

To: Kate Breen, NAATS President  
From: Wally Pike, Congressional Affairs  
CC: file  
Date: December 2, 2005  
Re: Update

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The following is a list of the items I'm currently working and their status.

1. **The FAA Management and Program Analyst Bid, now extended to December 5. Specific problems are the short time frame for consideration and lack of communication to the field as well as the change in series from 2152 to 343 with the net result in no good time for retirement consideration. Status: A decision has not yet been made but senate staffers are considering a joint letter to the FAA complaining about the inconsistency with congressional intent and a request to re-advertise.**
2. **No retirement good time for AFSS employees continuing their employment under Lockheed – clearly a violation of congressional intent. Status: A part of the same discussion with (1) above.**
3. **FERS retirement calculation correction on 1.7%. Status: Working with both houses but primarily senate staff is taking lead. They're looking for the proper bill to insert corrective language. This has not yet been identified but there is bi-partisan support on this issue. More activity is expected later this month.**

I talked with Senator Snowe's staffer, Terry McNaughton, yesterday for the first time in several weeks, He advised that he's aware of the dissatisfaction with the amendment language as well as the confusion on how it applies to individual

employees. He advised that he wants legislation or another vehicle to clarify congressional intent on this amendment but he did not tell me what the exact intent was. He did say that we were lucky to get anything at all through the conference. He further advised that he would like to work with me on this clarification and I agreed to help in whatever way possible. I know that, like me, you have been receiving several questions regarding how the language applies to individual employees; I told Terry that I would be forwarding these questions on interpretation and application to him; he did not say how he would respond. In the interim I suggest the employees continue to ask these questions of their congressional representatives as they are the only ones (with the exception of the FAA) who know or can find out the answers.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.