

# Memo

To: Kate Breen, NAATS President  
From: Wally Pike, Congressional Affairs  
CC: file  
Date: June 30, 2005  
Re: Update

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As you know, at approximately 11:50am this morning Representative Sanders offered his amendment. Representatives Boren, Waters and Kucinich also spoke in favor of amendment. Congratulations to you and our membership on a great victory which was truly a bi-partisan vote of 238-177 as more Republicans (48) than expected voted in favor and we lost only the two Democrats (Moran, Green). Clearly the House does not want to see air traffic control outsourced.

As great as this victory is, it is only a piece of the process. We cannot afford to rest or to underestimate our opponents. Our focus now shifts to the Senate, specifically the Appropriations Subcommittee. We have commitments from Senators Leahy and Specter to co-sponsor a letter to Chairman Bond requesting that funding be withheld for A76 purposes during the next fiscal year. This letter will eventually take the form of an amendment similar (probably identical) to the House amendment. Senators DeWine, Bond and Burns are especially critical to our success. We will continue working these Senators and we ask that our members redouble their efforts. The Senate markup date is July 12. As noted previously all of the Senators on this Subcommittee will lose FSSs with the exception of Stevens who we

hope will be supportive. Our House success should provide excellent momentum for our effort here.

The House/Senate conference on the two appropriations bills is expected in September. Again, congratulations on a great victory for our membership.

Thanks to all the members who helped make this happen, you all really made the difference.