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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: DEMOCRATIC STAFF**  
**FROM: OMER**  
**DATE: JUNE 20, 1996**  
**RE: UPDATE AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL**

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**BACKGROUND:** At this writing we are all scratching our head as to what the next step is going to be by our GOP Committee leadership on the Workforce bill. The statements in the press reports are all very negative but ambiguous as to an actual death or a purely partisan approach.

The House and Senate GOP are meeting to reach an agreement on the bill. Once they reach an agreement among themselves they will return to the conference and move the agreement.

We believe they are still debating the in-state vocational formula, the hold-harmless for adult ed, drug testing and maybe some other issues. Are they within reach? Yes. Will they reach an agreement? Who knows?

**MESSAGE:** We are attempting to focus our message on Dislocated Workers, School-to-Work, and the Radical Right Wing high-jacking the bill.

**PRESS CONFERENCE:** We may be calling upon Members to participate in one or more press conferences to get out our position on the bill.

**SEN. KASSEBAUM:** She may be going to the floor today to criticize the Administration and possibly the Democrats for the lack of an agreement. Sen. Kennedy will be responding if she does and we will need your voices to underscore our position.

We are disappointed in the lack of an agreement and the unwillingness to have real negotiations. We need to focus on the issues I mentioned above and blame the Right Wing for their handcuffing of the House and Senate negotiators.

The Administration, with Democratic support, has made an offer as recently as Monday of this week and there has been no response to the offer from the GOP.

**LETTER:** We are asking for a limited number of conservative members to join in signing a letter to Sen. Kassebaum to express to her a broad concern about this bill. Once we have the conservative members lined up we will balance them with our members off of the conference committee. Please be ready if we need your signature quickly.

### INCLUDED MATERIAL:

1. History
2. Differences - What has changed since the bill passed the Senate
3. Talking Points
4. Letter
5. Administration's Offer
6. Press Articles