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Kassebaum filed the language of the Conference as an amendment to Treasury Postal today. Kennedy submitted a second degree of the amendments the Democrats presented in Conference. An effort is being made to try to accommodate the Democrats and pass the damn thing. Kassebaum has apparently already given on School to Work and Dislocated Vouchers. Other matters, including the formula, are outstanding. She would like a time agreement, but that can be achieved only by unanimous consent, which gives us some power to get what we want.

She would also like to bring the Conference Agreement up and pass it along with a concurrent resolution containing the changes she and the Democrats (read Kennedy) can agree upon. Problem with this is that the House would pass the Conference Report and ignore the concurrent resolution.

The alternative would be to reach an agreement on amendments that need to be added to the Conference and incorporate those into a bill that would be introduced, passed and sent to the House, and they would have to vote it up or down, or deep six it some other way.

Yes, the nightmare continues.