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As a result of the Chairs and Ranking Members agreeing to have their staffs meet with the Administration last week a subsequent meeting was held last Thursday.

This was not a negotiating meeting but one to see what, if any, give was available on the GOP side to meet the goals the President included in his May 20 letter.

The first meeting did not break any new ground and seemed to constitute a review of the current positions of the various sides. The GOP did hint they may be able to give some on the Accountability issue but it was still uncertain where and how. The GOP is willing to give a priority to service of dislocated workers. No movement on local boards, authorization, vouchers, Summer. There was disagreement on the likelihood of any window on School-to-Work existing. More discussion will take place on this.

Susan Hattan believes that if there is an agreement to be reached her boss wants the bill through the floor by the 28th of June.

As soon as I get a sense of where this process is leading to I will share it with you.

OMER