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H. R. 1617

CONFERENCE MEETING

May 23, 1996

Agenda

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN ISSUES:

1. Authorization Level
2. Percentages
3. Vouchers
4. School-to-Work
5. At-Risk Youth
   Minimum Allocation
7. Drug Testing
8. Local Boards
9. Sallie Mae
10. Vocational Education Formula
11. Labor Issues
12. Federal Role
13. Plan Approval
COMMITTEE NOTICE

Conference

To: Senators
   Kassebaum  Kennedy
   Jeffords  Pell
   Coats  Dodd
   Gregg  Simon
   Frist  Harkin
   Dewine  Mikulski
   Ashcroft  Wellstone
   Abraham
   Gorton

Subject: H.R.1617, Consolidated and Reformed Workforce Development and Literacy Program Act.

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 1996.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: The Mansfield Room, S207 Capitol.

May 17, 1996

Stephen Chapman
Legislative Clerk
1. Current position on the bill? Member concerns?

2. Administration’s position

3. Strategy for Amendments
   A. Offer a package of amendments which represent the President’s letter. If defeated then Dems oppose the legislation and we move on to a floor strategy.

   B. Offer a series of separate but targeted amendments which focus on the President’s highlighted issues, negotiate with the GOP to get the best agreement, then look at final package and make a judgement then on supporting or opposing the bill.
   - GOP begins to feel we will support the bill.
   - Are there make or break issues? School-to-Work/Earmark for dislocated workers/Vouchers/Such Sums-FLEX

   C. Offer a series of amendments which will highlight and identify the differences between the two sides. If these are all rejected by a string of party line votes then so much the better. Attempt to string out the process as long as possible and see if the outside pressure will either change the dynamic or become frustrating enough they set the conference aside.

   D. In any or all of the above begin to highlight the role of the right wing groups in their attempts to paint this bill as the incarnate of evil. Purification of language, removal of federal and local powers, insertion of legislatures into the mix, and the other attempts to limit the GOP’s ability to negotiate in good faith.

4. Amendments (not in any specific order of preference or priority)
   A. Authorization - Williams
   B. Dislocated Worker Earmark - Kennedy
   C. Vouchers - Kennedy
   D. Education Governance of Funds/Formula -
   E. Accountability (Comprehensive Federal Role/Staff) - Kildee
   F. Local Boards - Williams/Simon
   G. School-to-Work - Simon
   H. One-Stops - Wellstone
   I. At-Risk Youth - (Summer Jobs Earmark $871m) (At-Risk Formula 2/3-1/3)
   J. Reduction of the FLEX to 20%, Voc Ed up to 25% and Ad Ed HH out of the Flex;
      - Reduction of FLEX to 20%, Voc Ed up to 24% and Ad Ed to 6%;
      - Reduction of FLEX to 10%, and other parts up proportionally.
   K. Elimination of FLEX, other parts up proportionately and such sums.
   L. Formula