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Well here is the latest.

There maybe some kind of informal Chair/Ranking Member meeting on Wed afternoon to talk about how the next Member meeting can move faster. We are hoping to have Panetta there to express the White House position.

There would be a full Member meeting on Thursday at 1:30pm where Sen. Kassebaum would like to finish the legislation.

She sees the following as the current status of issues:

Proposals are on the table from the GOP for the
- Authorization - such sums
- Percentages - staff agreements
- Vouchers - Riggs - Pilot
- School-to-Work - Permissive use of funds
- Libraries (resolved?)
- Local Boards - Staff agreements

Pending Discussion:
- Federal Role - House GOP has made them an offer and we may get to see paper soon. Senate GOP feels they may have an agreement.
  - Drug Testing - Open
  - Labor Issues - Waiting for House response on Discrimination, Remedies, Labor Organization
  - Voc. Ed Formula - Ted felt there has been some progress here but was uncertain where it stood. I believe the House is firming on a 70/30 split. We want at least a 75/25 split to help with the concentration.
  - State Apportionment - Open. Meeting this afternoon at 2 in 430 Dirksen
  - Sallie Mae - Sallie and Treasury are very close to a deal if not completed. I think this will be moved off of the open side of issues.
  - 85/15 - There are some effort to compromise on this but I am not sure of the conversations.
  - Adult Ed Hold-Harmless - Open
  - Local Boards - The GOP feel they are close to finishing this one. The House GOP was adding some language on listing the functions.
  - Accountability - The House GOP was going to add some approval language to beef it up some.
  - At-Risk Youth - the House GOP was going to respond to the DeWine offer from our last Member meeting.
  - Small-State minimum - Open
  - Providers - Staff Agreements unless someone
opens on the Community College issues.

- Pell Grants/Training - House GOP supposedly opened this up and Mary was going to supply some language.
- National Programs - Sally was going to provide some language. 10% of whatever funds available for Nat Programs. Migrants, Indians and Terr. would get a funding stream matching 1996.
- Tracking - the last conversation I had was with Stephanie where I agreed to some "qualified" language over the phone. I have not seen anything written down. I guess the House was not satisfied and it is still open.
- Higher Ed Repealers - Still open.

This is where I see it standing right now.

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