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WIA Activities in Congress Begin to Pick Up


July is shaping up as a key month in determining the authorizing and funding outlook for WIA programs in Congress this year.


First, on the funding front. On Friday, July 10, the House Labor-HHS appropriations subcommittee will markup its FY2010 appropriations bill. NWA has met with senior subcommittee and full committee staff as well as a majority of the subcommittee members. We can report on the following:

The markup is expected to be hot and partisan. Most of the committee time is expected to be taken up with speeches. Very few amendments are expected. Full and Subcommittee Chairman Obey told NWA that "nearly all of the additional funding for programs was provided in the stimulus and that no one should expect any dramatic increases." NWA has since learned that there may be increases in some education and health programs. DOL ETA programs are expected to be funded at the President's requested level, which of course closely tracks the FY'09 spending before the stimulus. Chairman Obey anticipates that the full House of Representatives will vote on the bill before the August

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recess. We know of no currently planned amendments to cut WIA funding. There is always a chance one could be offered. There is a greater, almost certainty, that it would be defeated.

The *expected* House Labor-HHS WIA funding recommendations are as follows:

House FY 2009

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Obama Budget

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One interesting note, in an appropriations year in which most domestic program increases were achieved in the stimulus bill, is that in our meetings with committee members and staff a surprising amount of time was spent on discussing the impact of the stimulus funding in their districts. Members were really in need of information about what's happening with WIA stimulus dollars. By the August congressional recess you should plan on providing your congressional member with an update.

The general impression, at least among the Appropriations Committee, is that the Department of Labor has a good job on launching the stimulus program. That was not true of other federal agencies.

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Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations subcommittee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) told NWA that he expects to markup his bill the week of July 20. Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-HI) has indicated publicly his "wish" to pass all of the appropriations bills through the Senate by the August recess. Although this may prove difficult to achieve the odds still favor the Congress finalizing the spending bills before the September 30 deadline.

A number of you have asked questions concerning the likelihood of a second stimulus bill. NWA was fortunate in being able to ask exactly that question to a number of key House Democratic leaders shortly before the July 4th congressional break. In short, it is highly doubtful that there will be a second stimulus bill **this** year. There will be serious consideration of a second stimulus bill in the first quarter of next year. Key determinants on consideration of a second bill will be the state's fiscal outlook, deteriorating unemployment rates, GDP levels, and the effects of the first stimulus.

Activity Picking Up on WIA Reauthorization

NWA has learned that WIA reauthorization activity has significantly increased on the House Education and Labor Committee. Although the committee is knee deep in health care reform legislation, Chairman George Miller (D-CA) has given the go ahead for draft WIA reauthorization legislation to be prepared for introduction in July.

Key Committee Democrats for WIA reauthorization remain Higher Education, Life-long Learning and Competitiveness subcommittee chairman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX), John Tierney, (D-MA) and full committee chairman George Miller. Outlook best bet: Introduction by end of September, with committee passage early next year.

DOL is expected to be a major participant in the congressional deliberations on the future direction of WIA. Their input will be invited before any House bill is introduced. How quickly the new DOL team responds could affect the timing of introduction.

Jane Oates was confirmed in the Senate on June 19th and is now officially the DOL assistant secretary for the Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA). Jane's strong support in both Houses of Congress should significantly increase Congressional support for ETA progress in Congress. It is no secret that for much of the past 8 years, Congressional support and sometimes even interaction Department of Labor programs experienced a significant decline. Jane Oates' appointment will help reverse this decline.

And finally, Rep. John Kline (R-MN) has been appointed Ranking Member to the House Education and Labor following Rep. Howard, "Buck" McKeon's stepping down after being appointed top Republican of the House Armed Services Committee. Kline ranked 9th among Republican in seniority. It's highly unusual that someone that far down the list would win the support for the top post. A number of higher ranking Republicans on the committee are said to have passed up the position due to their frustration with their inability to have meaningful input into the committee's legislative agenda. While Rep. McKeon was known to be more willing to work with, and compromise with, his Democratic counterparts, Kline is much more secure in the opposing role. One of his first orders of business as the Committee's Senior Republican was issuing a scathing press release charging House Democrats with "catering to their special interest allies" on the recently passed climate change bill. If this is a sign of things to come in his leadership of House Ed and Labor Republicans, it's a discouraging one.

The National Workforce Association's 8th Annual Legislative Conference

Registration is open for NWA's 8th Annual Legislative Conference in Tampa, FL. Our conference will be held at the Marriott Waterside Hotel, from Sunday, December 6 to Tuesday December 8, 2009. The Pre-Conference is on Saturday, December 5, 2009.

The cornerstone of the NWA Annual Conference is our connection to Members of Congress. It is during NWA's legislative conference that knowledgeable and involved speakers and personalities will focus on the issues that mean the most to our attendees and local workforce directors. It is

also at this conference that NWA members come together to share current achievements and struggles, interact and network and elect new officers at our board meeting. Most importantly, it is at this conference that the NWA President and the CEO lay out the goals of the association for the upcoming year.

Please act now as early registration for the NWA's 8th Annual Legislative Conference will end on September 1, 2009.

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An Update on Recent NWA Activities

The NWA has been hard at work promoting workforce priorities with top Federal and Congressional officials. NWA leaders met with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Domestic Policy staff on workforce system priorities and WIA reauthorization. We also met with very senior Appropriations staffers, including the majority of members on the House Labor-HHS subcommittee on 2010 spending and the stimulus, and have scheduled an additional meeting on stimulus activities with key workforce appropriators on Labor-HHS for July. Finally, NWA leaders met with key members on both sides of the aisle of the House Education and Labor Committee regarding WIA reauthorization. NWA has an invitation for full participation as the bill moves forward.

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