



Legislature on Hold - sort of

Legislative leadership is meeting with the Governor behind closed doors today working on a budget fix. The House passed the education bill but the Senate has things on hold for now. In the meantime, the Governor is threatening to veto the pension bill that made changes to stabilize the TRA fund. This bill passed both houses and now sits on the Governor's desk. He says that it is too costly and doesn't have enough reform which is disappointing news to those who were looking for a fix.

We will let you know once the log jam breaks and things begin to happen.

Federal Legislative Alert - (information provided by Noelle Ellerson, AASA and Joel Packer, CEF)

Sen. Harkin (D-IA) introduced S3206, the Keep Our Educators Working Act of 2010. This bill includes \$23 billion to provide additional assistance to states in the form of continued funding for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

Sometime today, the full Senate Appropriations Committee will markup the emergency supplemental appropriations bill. They will use another bill as a vehicle bill, H.R. 4899. The Senate Appropriations committee version will be a little different and they will need to work out their differences.

However, the \$23 billion jobs fund will not be included in the Senate version so Sen. Harkin will offer the \$23 billion education jobs bill as an amendment on the floor, with the support of Sen. Reid. It will take 60 votes to pass.

The Senate could take up the bill as early as next week, but it will depend on a number of other finance bills.

It is critical that you contact both of your senators and urge them to vote for Sen. Harkin's amendment.

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