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I spoke with Robbie Kerr and Jonathan Yarborough today following Katherine and my conversation with Sen. Peeler yesterday. (Peeler approached us yesterday and asked about the “equator” again and the grandfathering proviso that Robbie has proposed and Sen. Lourie introduced. That proviso is in full Senate Finance Committee and DHEC section will probably be taken up on Tues or Wed.)

I explained that we support a grandfathering proviso but that we would also support a proviso to suspend the CON program and how that would temporarily solve a lot of problems. He seemed to like the idea.

DHEC also really likes the suspension idea right now and will give me language today.

Robbie has approached Sens. Alexander and Setzler with the suspension idea and they have not expressed an interest. However, Sen. Alexander is being pushed hard on the grandfathering proviso in different directions; therefore Robbie and Jonathan felt our office could approach Alexander again with the suspension proviso; and he could just drop grandfathering all together.

My recommendation: talk to Alexander/Lisa today and meet with him on Tuesday and give him a suspension proviso. Talk to Peeler/Martha today.

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