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Katherine,

It was communicated to us on a conference call from DOL (National Office) that quotes from Senator Bryant received White House level attention. What exactly that meant and who in the White House discussed it was not spelled out. However, senior level leadership within DOL were directed to move up the review of our S. 1049 and S. 1050 to provide their written response to us. It was explained that this was a direct result of the comments from Senator Bryant. I have attached an article that was written where Senator Bryant was quoted – I cannot say definitively that this article is what caused it – but I am sure something like it was the catalyst. Let me know if you need anything else.

Joe