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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** NAGB UPDATE  
**DATE** 9/27/02  
**CC:** FILE

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This memo is for informational purposes only to update you on the following:

**Phone Conversation with Senator Bingaman/NAGB Legislation:** Mark left me voicemail yesterday afternoon asking me to please convey to you the success of your phone call to Senator Bingaman. The call has been mentioned in several conversations Mark has had on the Hill and Senator Bingaman was very impressed with your taking time to call him and your comments.

Carmel of Senator Bingaman's staff forwarded me a copy of the draft OERI legislation last Thursday for my review and comment that day. As I was leaving for Washington, I forwarded the draft legislation to Mark and to Roy Truby at NAGB. Ray Fields of the NAGB staff reviewed the legislation and provided Carmel with several comments, which were incorporated. Mark informed me in a phone conversation earlier this week that both the Senate Democrats and Republicans have reportedly agreed on a bill that is favorable to NAGB/NAEP. He said that it is much better than the House bill.

**Appointment of new NAGB Executive Director:** In our phone conversation earlier this week, Mark said that we are hitting some snags with Dr. Charles Smith's selection as Roy's successor. Mark said that Secretary Paige has some concerns as to Smith's having run for governor in Tennessee. I asked Mark if we could get Governor Sundquist to contact Paige on Smith's behalf (Sundquist's comment when Smith told him he was running for governor was "As a Democrat or a Republican?"). Mark said that Sundquist apparently doesn't carry much weight with Paige. Mark was going to call Governor Kempthorne and see if he could talk to Paige.

Mark emailed the Board earlier this week that we should have "definitive information" by the end of the week, but I haven't received any additional information.

I'll keep you posted on any developments related to either of these items.