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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** STATUS OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT CONFERENCE BILL  
**DATE** 9/27/01  
**CC:** FILE

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While Fred was here earlier this week, he got word that the education bill is going to be pushed through and wrapped up on the hill with no major changes. He heard that the bill is going to contain the following:

- No increase in federal funding of IDEA (The Governors/NGA have supported full funding of IDEA.)
- Adequate Yearly Progress set at 100% (House version). This is neither realistic for attainable for states. You will never have 100% of your student population showing progress. Senator Jeffords had strong concerns regarding AYP and we were trying to arrange for you to lead a delegation of governors to DC to meet with Senator Dodd and other conferees on this and other provisions of the bill.
- One year's federal funding for testing (i.e., an unfunded mandate)

Fred is trying to confirm the validity of this information, but he hasn't had much luck so far. I emailed Roy Truby of NAGB to see if he had heard anything, but I haven't heard from him. If these rumors prove true, Fred and I think you may need to make some phone calls to some of the conferees to convey the impact such provisions will have on states.

Fred faxed me the attached letter from Senator Dodd today. Senator Dodd basically says that due to the attacks, at this time it would be very difficult to schedule a meeting with governors to discuss adequate yearly progress.