

Update #20 - April 7, 2010

As you can read below the Health Insurance Subsidy bill is not yet dead but on life support. We need to keep on letting our legislators know how we feel.

JOHN MILIZIANO

Subject: Another opinion

I felt the vote in the Senate (looking at who voted together) was a strong indication that the Health Insurance Subsidy issue was defeated. The bill number is still alive, but I feel it will be used in some other budget reconciliation endeavors. Here is another opinion regarding the issue.

Larry Carmichael, FREA

The amendment to strip the language and sent it back to the House just sets up the budget conference process. If you look at each of the House appropriations and conforming bills HB 5001, etc., all of them have the same amendment.

Until HB 5701 is withdrawn from further consideration, then it is very much alive. We need to hear Senate President Atwater or Senator Alexander promise they are not going to let the House take away the retiree health insurance subsidy.

This issue is far from dead. Keep the calls coming and please forward to those on Mr. Carmichael's list so they are not lulled into complacency.

In Solidarity,

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