
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: CALL WITH GOVERNOR PATTON
DATE: 10/8/2002
CC: FRED

Governor Patton called to discuss fiscal relief for the states. He and Governor Kempthorne were to call the White House and hear their proposal to for fiscal relief. Patton presumed that the WH would seek an agreement from NGA to agree to a relief package that would be included in a continuing resolution that would include a \$117 million package for prescription drug relief. Patton said that the drug benefit package would be a 2-year deal with no additional funding following.

Patton does not want to agree to a compromise without a conference report, which would leave our Senate supporters by the wayside. He does not expect the WH to support anything following November. Patton expects Kempthorne to move to change NGA policy in the executive committee to be more in line with the WH's proposal. Patton noted that Kempthorne would need at least 1 Democratic Governor to be successful.

Fred and I had discussed these issues previously. I informed Governor Patton that you would support his position not to agree to a compromise without a conference report and not changing NGA policy.