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MEMORANDUM

TO: IRS Chapter Presidents and Legislative Coordinators

RE: House Action on Private Tax Collection

SUMMARY: Action could come on private tax collection amendment as early as tomorrow.

Tomorrow, the House of Representatives is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 5576, the FY'2007 Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, which contains the Rothman amendment, which prevents the IRS from spending any funds to implement private tax collection contracts. It is expected that during debate on the bill, opponents of the Rothman amendment will raise a procedural objection to the amendment, which if sustained, would strip the language from the bill. Approval of the objection could also prevent a recorded vote from occurring on this issue.

The objection is based on the grounds that inclusion of the amendment violates a House rule against amendments proposing to limit funds in an appropriations bill for the administration of a tax or tariff.

Because the effort to remove the Rothman amendment from the bill may occur as early as tomorrow, it is critical that NTEU members take action as soon as possible.

To find out more information on this issue and how you can help, please go to Capwiz at www.nteu.org.

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