

CTA Call for Action

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Urgent: Keep Calling 1-800-294-9811 on Economic Recovery Bill!
Keep Contacting Senators; Urge Them to Approve Compromise
Note that the message has changed!

The NEA reports that the U.S. Senate could vote as early as Tuesday, Feb. 10, on a compromise version of the federal economic recovery measure, H.R.1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or ARRA. While the amount of funding in the Senate compromise version of this bill has been reduced, the compromise plan still provides significant benefits to education, including funds targeted for state and local education budgets.

Funding for the largest education programs – Title I, IDEA and Pell Grants – was left almost untouched. The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, however, was reduced to about half of the initial proposal.

Your help is needed to secure the bipartisan support the “Nelson-Collins Compromise” version will need to get through the Senate. Urge U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to support the compromise version of H.R. 1 and to vote for the measure.

Be prepared for quick notice this week about a message to deliver to members of the U.S. House of Representatives, which could take up the issue later this week. It is expected that Senate approval of H.R. 1 will send the measure to a House-Senate conference committee, which will try to cobble together a final version of the bill. At that point, CTA/NEA will be asking you to contact Congress and urge them to maximize the education funding in the final version of the bill.

Talking Points:

- Vote Yes on the Compromise Version of H.R. 1, the ARRA.
- This is a very important issue, and educators are watching how Senators vote very closely.
- Investments in education offer an effective approach to stimulating the economy, saving and creating jobs, and shoring up distressed communities.
- Education funding reaches every community and is targeted to those areas with the greatest needs.



CTA Asks You to Call Your U.S. Senators NOW!

Call the Congressional Hotline at 1-800-294-9811. You will be connected to US Senators Boxer and Feinstein.

Remember to tell these Senators how cuts are hurting your students – tell your stories!

For more information or to give us feedback on your lawmakers' responses, write budgetadvocates@cta.org.

Remember: Use CTA's Congressional Hotline – 1-800-294-9811

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