

November 1, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapter Presidents and Legislative Coordinators

RE: Compensatory Time for Official Travel Provision Signed Into Law

SUMMARY: On Saturday, October 30, the President signed into law, S.129, legislation allowing federal employees to receive compensatory time for official travel.

The President signed S.129 into law on Saturday, October 30. This important bill contains a provision that will permit federal employees to receive compensatory time for official travel.

This compensatory time for travel provision will permit federal employees who have to travel on their own time, and outside their normal working hours, to receive compensatory time for official business travel time. Under the provisions of the legislation, employees eligible for this compensatory time will not be permitted to receive payment for this time if they find they are unable to schedule its use. Nonetheless, NTEU has worked to secure this type of legislation for many years and we are pleased that the compensatory time for travel provision has been signed into law.

Now that the bill has been signed into law, the Office of Personnel Management has 90 days to publish regulations implementing the compensatory time for travel provision. NTEU will be watching this process carefully to ensure that the regulations accompanying this provision are fair and that they reflect the intent of the legislation.

As soon as there is further information to report, I will be back in touch with you. Please share this news with your fellow NTEU members.

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