

## 1. DREAMACT—HOUSE&SENATE

Will the member support a narrow immigration bill that combines the Dream Act and reasonable border security measures?

Bacon: Yes. Worked with Dreamers. Likes the USA act or the Good Life Bill to keep deportations from happening.

Fortenberry: Met with Chief of Staff Archer and he put it all back on NEA and/or democrats. He high jacked the conversation with his issues. Archer wanted a wall built to protect from illegal immigration and fentanyl.

Sasse: Wants nuclear family reunification but still wants border security. He disagreed with the president's inflamed vocalization on this issue. Dream act is on hold.

Smith: Staffer, Sarah was unsure what Smith thought about the issue. They don't have an educational staff person. Sarah said, we have a broken immigration system and are hoping we move toward an agreement with broader long term immigration reform.

Fischer: She's been to the boarder and was shown by border control the areas that need a wall. She knew the exact number of Dreamers in Nebraska. She said there need to be bi-partisan working in a fair and open process, but the republicans were waiting for democrats to bring forward proposals. She stated they have been waiting for the House and placed blame on them. The previous Senate bill was never brought up in the House. She found it interesting that NEA didn't agree with 4 Pillars.

## 2. EDUCATIONFUNDING—HOUSE&SENATE

Will the member support increased funding for Title I and IDEA, and oppose cuts in Title II?

Bacon: Said, there was a hand shake deal on raising the caps but nothing official. Members shared stories.

Fortenberry: Same as above. Members shared stories.

Sasse: Shannon had not talked to him about this and said she will take our information to him. Commented he doesn't like the "kick the can approach" to a budget solution. Members shared stories.

Smith: Sarah stated, Smith did not sit on appropriations, but she could ask him. This may be addressed next year. Members shared stories.

Fischer: She knew that IDEA was never fully funded. She acknowledged that it is hard to find paraeducators state wide. She asked about Omaha and Lincoln. Members shared stories.

## 3. HIGHEREDUCATIONACT—HOUSE&SENATE

What are the member's priorities for reauthorizing the Higher Education Act to make college affordable and accessible for all students?

Does the member support preserving the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program?

Bacon: Wants affordable college and co-sponsored the extension on the Perkins Loan. Members shared stories.

Fortenberry: Same as above. Members shared stories.

Sasse: Communication needs to go in both directions. Shannon was unsure about what to tell us. Members shared stories.

Smith: No comment. This could be addressed next year. Members shared stories

Fischer: She said Defense spending is the priority. She quoted statistics about the average loan in NE being about \$26,000, which is lower than many other states. Members shared stories. Staffer finished the visit.