

RESOLUTION REACHED ON REGULATORY RELIEF BILL

A resolution has been reached on Senate and House regulatory relief bills (S. 2856, H.R. 3505). A [revised version](#) of the Senate bill will be considered on the House floor this afternoon, under suspension of the rules. A section-by-section explanation of the revised bill is available [here](#).

A very positive compromise on the Senate bill's Regulation B provision was reached that directs the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to work with the Federal Reserve Board to promulgate joint regulations implementing the "push-out" provisions of the Gramm- Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), and to consult with the OCC, Office of Thrift Supervision, and the FDIC on those regulations. The original Senate provision required the SEC to consult with and obtain concurrence from the bank regulators on these rules; the bank regulators would have had the option of going to court to challenge these rules. However, the compromise language is likely to be a faster and more efficient way to obtain workable rules. ABA and the bank regulators have been working for several years to ensure that traditional bank securities products are not restricted by SEC rulemaking. This new, joint rulemaking with the Federal Reserve should protect these traditional products and activities.