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Subject: GOOD NEWS FROM NANCY ZIRKIN

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Nancy just called me to express, on behalf of LCCR, her chagrin over the handling of LEP issues in Title 1. She also informed me that she will take MALDEF to meet with Clay after Mr. Clay introduces our bill. So we just dodged the final bullet and are on our way!



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Subject: Social Promotion/Civil Rights Update

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I just talked to Nancy Zirkin about last evening's civil rights groups meeting on Title 1 and Title XI. Here's the basic update:

1. They are "fine" (not happy, but willing to live with) with our responses to the three issues they raised earlier this week, and will pursue a fix with Clay on the two social promotion issues. Nancy and I are discussing language and she will share with me what they are going to ask Clay to do. There are no surprises in this for us.
2. As a result of their collective review of our language, they have a whole new bunch of issues. Nancy, Bill (who probably has the longest list) and Wade have basically convinced the group not to ask us or Clay to address those issues before introduction.
3. The one outstanding issue in this regard is MALDEF's opposition to the Title 1 requirement to test LEP kids in English after 3 years. They want 4 years. Nancy reports that Bill Taylor is reasonably confident that he can get that back in the box by tonight.

I hope so--because I'm afraid that if he can't the pressure to have Clay make all of the language changes they want will grow between now and Tuesday.