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Pretty good meeting with the Governor. He's softening up, as Jennifer Rippner put it. I'll try to meet with him again after the bill gets through the House to re-address his concerns (more bureaucracy by not making it the state board and why not just make all schools charter schools).

We have strong Democrat support (at least for now). Several key Dems are actively working other Dems. Getting the numbers up high for the floor vote in the House will help greatly with the Senate (and Lt. Gov) and Governor. They'll feel that it has the big 'mo and widespread support.

I'm going to make a Herculean effort to scratch out a big plug of a remaining \$140 million in earlier "austerity cuts" to education that haven't been eliminated from the last recession. That should make the school board assn. think about how publicly they want to fight the charter school bill. They've been making some rounds, but not as vociferously as I would have predicted. There's still time, though, so I'm waiting for the other shoe to drop.

I told the Lt. Governor's staffer, Irene Munn, today that I was not going to change the provision giving local boards first crack at it (she asked). And explained why.

We'll see. But looking good.

Jan Jones