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Fine with me to push back. Would recommend Jeb talk to Ann about this.

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Sen. Cummings and Sen. Westman want the Dept to draft language to put the new policy, outreach and legal affairs division in statute.

Do you think we should push back? Obviously we are moving ahead with the division – and they want credit.

This would mark the FOURTH year in a row that they have legislated positions (09 and 10 added compliance, 11 added taxpayer advocate). Does tie our hands – we can't touch the compliance positions (for how long?) and haven't really figured out how to manage the taxpayer advocate who is classified but with statutory duties.

More than the perils of having this minute personnel stuff in statute however is that politically I could foresee a circus.

If you agree that we should push back, appreciate any advice how to push their buttons to accomplish that...

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