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## ***TTD unions adopt policy statement on USPS***

This week, the AFL-CIO conducted its winter meetings in Atlanta, where policy and priorities were determined. During the meetings, 33 TTD unions endorsed a reform agenda that ensures a strong Postal Service. [Click here](#) to read more and [here](#) to view TTD's policy statement.

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## ***FY 2016 appropriations season begins***

With the announcement of the President's FY 2016 budget request earlier this month, lawmakers will not set their sights on consideration of 12 annual appropriations bills to fund each agency beginning October 1, 2015. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## ***Overnight Delivery Act introduced in House***

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) has introduced H.R.

### **Resolution Tracker**

Our numbers are growing on key resolutions. With activity on postal reform expected as early as spring, let's keep the momentum moving to demonstrate support for services.

- [H.Res. 12](#) (six-day delivery): 138 co-sponsors
- [H.Res. 28](#) (door delivery): 43 co-sponsors
- [H.Res. 54](#) (service standards): 63 co-sponsors

### **Fact sheets**

As we continue to engage, educate and build support for NALC priorities, we continue to update and create new fact sheets. Please continue to check the [Government Affairs](#) website for new information.

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784, The Overnight Delivery Act, which seeks to return USPS service standards to those in place on Dec. 31, 2011. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## ***Sens. Lankford and Heitkamp to lead Senate subcommittee***

Sens. James Lankford (R-OK) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) have been named Chairman and Ranking Member, respectively, of the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## ***Coming up***

>> Ongoing negotiations over **DHS funding**, which is set to expire at midnight tonight, have taken center stage in the House and Senate this week—delaying other business. As this update was prepared, House lawmakers had failed to pass a three-week stopgap funding bill (H J Res 35), which was passed by the Senate and which would fund the agency through March 19. Without House passage of the stopgap, a shutdown of the agency appears imminent, resulting in the furlough of more than 30,000 employees and requiring thousands to report to work with no paycheck. Once short-term DHS funding is resolved, more debate over long-term funding (H.R. 240) for the agency, including more debate over using the long-term funding bill to derail the president’s immigration plan, is expected over the coming weeks.

>> The House is expected to continue consideration of **No Child Left Behind** reauthorization, to try to give states more authority over education policy.

- [Six-day mail delivery](#)
- [Door delivery](#)
- [Postal innovation and growth](#)

### **Relevant committees**

Is your member of Congress on one of our relevant committees?

[Check out the full list](#) of appropriators and authorizers with oversight of the Postal Service.

>> Discussions regarding “**Fast Track**’ of the **Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)** are heating up. TPP is shaping up to be the largest trade pact in history, covering 12 nations—nearly 40 percent of the global economy. At issue is consideration of legislation that would slow down the ratification process by allowing Congress to amend terms of agreements rather than being forced into a straight “up or down” vote that prevents lawmakers from amending or improving agreements. [Read more about Fast Track here.](#)

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