



# NALC



## Legislative Update

### House and Senate adjourn for August recess

On Wednesday, the Senate adjourned for its August recess after spending the beginning of the week in a battle over defunding Planned Parenthood. While that effort was defeated, it demonstrates the deep divisions that remain in Congress over social and economic issues, divisions that are likely to resurface this fall. In the House, lawmakers broke for recess last Wednesday following a July session that was also dominated by deep divisions. [Click here to read more.](#)

### In-district recess activity

When Congress returns to DC in September, we may see the introduction of postal reform legislation in both chambers. This means we must continue to educate and engage members of Congress on what is important to NALC members. [Click here to read more.](#)

### House lawmaker introduces 'Shipping Equity Act'

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) has introduced the Shipping Equity Act of 2015, which is designed to provide the Postal Service with the authority to ship beer, wine and alcoholic beverages. [Click here to read more.](#)

### 'Postal Innovation Act' introduced in House and Senate

Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate aimed at enhancing environmental and safety standards in U.S. Postal Service vehicles. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Resolution tracker

[H.Res. 12](#) (six-day):  
212 co-sponsors  
— [Fact Sheet](#)

[H.Res. 28](#) (door delivery):  
163 co-sponsors  
— [Fact Sheet](#)

[H.Res. 54](#) (service standards):  
198 co-sponsors  
— [Fact Sheet](#)

### SEC comment period open on default option for financials

The SEC has announced a proposed new regulation governing mutual funds that would make electronic delivery of information distribution the default delivery option instead of mail delivery. [Click here to read more.](#)

*These updates are taking a recess, too.  
They will resume after Congress returns to Washington in September.*

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