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Legislative Update



Carper introduces iPost

Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), ranking member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, introduced the Improving Postal Operations, Service and Transparency (iPost) Act of 2015. NALC President Fredric Rolando has issued a statement on the bill, and your Department of Legislative and Political Affairs has put together an analysis of the bill. [Click here to read more.](#)

'Defending Postal Delivery for the Future Act' introduced in the House

Reps. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) have introduced H.R. 3464, the Defending Quality Postal Delivery for the Future Act, to prevent the U.S. Postal Service from closing any post office or postal facility that serves a high-growth ZIP code. The bill aims to help reverse the scheduled closings in areas where there has been a high rate of population growth. [Click here to read more.](#)

Senate introduces bill to repeal excise tax

When Congress passed the 2010 Affordable Care Act in 2010, it scheduled for 2018 a 40-percent tax on health insurance expenditures greater than \$10,200 per person and \$27,500 per family. Sens. Dean Heller (R-NV) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) have introduced the Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act to repeal this excise tax. [Click here to read more.](#)

Worker protections act introduced in House, Senate

On Sept. 16, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced the Workplace Action for a Growing Economy (WAGE) Act, a bill that aims to strengthen the protections for workers who band together and to ensure that corporations that violate workers' rights face real-life consequences. [Click here to read more.](#)

Resolution tracker

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

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

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

Shutdown Watch 2015

With less than two weeks before the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, and with a looming stalemate in budget negotiations, the possibility of a government shutdown remains unclear. The battle *du jour* is the continued funding of Planned Parenthood, a battle that could have a domino effect—leading more conservative members in the House to increase momentum on an effort that began prior to the August recess to oust Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH). President Obama has indicated that he will veto any measure that defunds Planned Parenthood.

There are fewer than five legislative days to go in September, so a short-term continuing resolution (C.R.) will likely be considered to keep the government open past Sept. 30. In the event of a shutdown, lawmakers have already introduced legislation to restore pay to federal employees who would be furloughed in a shutdown. And Pope Francis' visit to DC next week could make it tough to get *anything* done in Washington. But letter carriers will remain on the job through it all, and NALC will remain vigilant in monitoring all Capitol Hill activities.

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