Congress passes 5-year highway bill

This week, Congress did something unheard of these days: It passed a major law, successfully negotiating and paying for a five-year, $305-billion surface transportation reauthorization bill. Of particular note for letter carriers, the measure does not use the pay and benefits of federal/postal employees nor postal service cuts to pay for highway spending. Click here to read more.

Senate votes to gut Obamacare...again

On Thursday, the Senate passed a budget reconciliation bill aimed at repealing significant portions of the 2010 Affordable Care Act. The reconciliation process has become a tool used to be used to circumvent the Senate threshold needed to break a filibuster. Now Republicans in Congress are trying to use the same process to take health insurance coverage from some 16 million Americans. Click here to read more.

Government funding deadline approaches under new house leadership

One month into his new position as Speaker of the House, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) has only days to address how to fund the government beyond Dec. 11. If the House and Senate fail to reach an agreement, lawmakers will be required to advance a continuing resolution (CR) or face another shutdown, which last happened in 2011. Click here to read more.

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