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Legislative Update

Budget deal temporarily addresses budget caps, debt ceiling and Medicare premiums

On Nov. 2, President Obama signed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (H.R. 1314, PL 113-67), a deal that was negotiated with the White House by former Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) before he stepped down at the end of October. As a result of those negotiations, discretionary spending caps were raised, along with the nation's debt limit, through March 15, 2017. The agreement partially relaxes harsh sequestration spending cuts, required under the 2011 Budget Control Act, prevents a sharp increase in Medicare Part B premiums for certain beneficiaries in 2016, and it keeps the Social Security disability insurance trust fund solvent until 2022. The budget cap increases are offset by a variety of spending cuts and revenue increases, none of which hit the pocketbooks of federal-postal employees. [Click here to read more.](#)

Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015

President Obama has signed into law the Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015. This law provides to federal employees who are also disabled military veterans 104 hours of designated "wounded warrior leave" during their first year in the federal workforce. This leave is designated to allow veterans to seek medical treatment for their service-related disabilities and is counted as separate from traditional sick and annual leave. [Click here to read more.](#)

House lawmakers introduce resolution regarding rural post offices

Last week, Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV) introduced H. Res. 501, expressing the sense of the House that Postal Service's network is an asset of significant value and that USPS should take appropriate measures to maintain, modernize and fully utilize the existing post office network for economic growth. [Click here to read more.](#)

Resolution tracker

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

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

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

New postal reform fact sheet

Congress is working on a lot of non-postal business lately, but it still needs to know the NALC's priorities when it comes to promoting legislation that supports a strong Postal Service and its universal network of affordable service. [Click here to read more.](#)

TPP text released

The text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) has been released and we are reviewing it to determine any impact on the Postal Service and letter carriers. Keep reading these Legislative Updates to stay informed as things unfold.

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