

## Roundtable: Challenges and opportunities for USPS in a digital age

Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (HSGAC) Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE) hosted a roundtable discussion on Tuesday with key postal stakeholders about challenges and opportunities in a digital age.

The roundtable was the second in a planned series of three to explore the challenges and opportunities to innovate the structure and services of USPS. The series comes as the House and Senate prepare to draft postal reform bills.

NALC participated in the roundtable and was joined by representatives from Hallmark, the Government Accountability Office, Postal Service Office of the Inspector General, and the Postal Service. Click here to read more.

# State battles: Illinois rejects 'right to work' proposal

The Illinois State House of Representatives voted unanimously to reject Gov. Bruce Rauner's (R) proposal to create local (and so-called) "right-to-work" zones in the state as a part of his so-called "Turnaround Agenda."

If passed, these measures—which are being promoted in states nationwide—would allow workers to pay nothing and still get all the benefits of union membership.

"So-called 'right-to-work' proposals are clear attacks on workers' rights," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "It's encouraging to see pro-union states such as Illinois reject these policies." <u>Click here to read more.</u>

## Congressional bill tracker

As the 114th Congress continues to consider various legislative proposals, NALC is keeping an eye on it all—the good, the bad and the ugly. While some of these bills benefit the Postal Service and NALC members, many are unfortunately detrimental to all federal employees. Click here to check out our online bill tracker.

#### **Resolution tracker**

<u>H.Res. 12</u> (six-day): 183 —*Fact Sheet* 

H.Res. 28 (door delivery): 118
—Fact Sheet

<u>H.Res. 54</u> (service standards): 172 —*Fact Sheet* 

Coming soon— ...a new name for COLCPE

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## **Fast Track update**

Following lots of twists and turns in the debate over how to consider Trade Promotion Authority (TPA)—better known as Fast Track—and related bills, it seems that the Senate is off and running in how it will consider TPA and what it will take to get it across the finish line in the Senate. Click here to read more.

#### In budget news...

For the first time in five years, the House and Senate agreed to a joint budget resolution. On May 5, the Senate gave final approval to the deal (S. Con. Res. 11) with a 51-to-46 vote, mostly along party lines. Click here to read more.

#### Pennsylvania letter carriers return to Washington



More than 200 letter carrier activists from Pennsylvania descended on Washington, DC, this week to advocate on behalf of their fellow letter carriers. As the House and Senate gear up to perhaps soon tackle postal reform, the Pennsylvania letter carriers promoted the importance of supporting resolutions for preserving six-day mail delivery (H. Res. 12), door delivery (H. Res. 28) and service standards (H. Res. 54). Click here to read more.

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