



Senate committee preserves 6-day appropriations language

The Senate Appropriations Committee advanced its Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) legislation on July 23. The committee included “provisions in the bill to ensure that mail for overseas voting and mail for the blind continues to be free; that 6-day delivery and rural delivery of mail shall continue without reduction; and that none of the funds provided be used to consolidate or close small rural and other small post offices in fiscal year 2016.” [Click here to read more.](#)

Federal employee payfor on Highway Trust Fund rejected

A coalition of postal and federal employees scored a major victory on July 21 when the Senate rejected a proposal that sought to cut the interest rate paid to investors inside the Thrift Savings Plan’s G Fund as a potential payfor on the Highway Trust Fund. [Click here to read more.](#)

Rural Postal Act introduced in Senate

Senators on July 9 introduced legislation to address the declining quality of mail service in the rural United States. If passed, the proposed Rural Postal Act would restore the overnight delivery standard for local mail, a standard that has been phased out over the past few years, and it would make permanent the requirement that the U.S. Postal Service deliver mail six days a week. In addition, the bill would place a two-year moratorium on the closing of mail-processing facilities. [Click here to read more.](#)

House passes Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination Act



NALC announces Letter Carrier Political Fund

During the National Rap Session in Houston this past weekend, NALC President Fredric V. Rolando formally announced the new name of NALC’s political action committee (PAC). The name change comes as a result of an effort that began at the NALC convention in 2014, where hundreds of letter carriers submitted proposed new names for the former Committee on Letter Carrier Political Education (COLCPE). [Click here to read more.](#)

Resolution tracker

[H.Res. 12](#) (six-day):

210 co-sponsors

— [Fact Sheet](#)

[H.Res. 28](#) (door delivery):

159 co-sponsors

— [Fact Sheet](#)

[H.Res. 54](#) (service standards):

197 co-sponsors

— [Fact Sheet](#)

Countdown to August recess

The House will be back for four days next week. The Senate will work through the weekend and is

The Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination Act of 2015, H.R. 1557, passed the House of Representatives on July 21, unanimously. H.R. 1557 seeks to require that agencies be more transparent while investigating discrimination complaints. [Click here to read more.](#)

scheduled to leave for August recess
on Aug. 5.

In other OGR news...

The House Oversight & Government Reform Committee has passed a series of bipartisan bills designed to increase government accountability and efficiency, including the Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act and the Gold Star Fathers Act. [Click here to read more.](#)

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