

News from Washington

Members of House and Senate oversight committees announced



The House and Senate have finalized committee assignments for the 118th Congress. The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability (COA) and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) are the primary congressional committees with jurisdiction over the Postal Service and federal employees.

COA functions to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the federal government and its agencies while providing accountability.

Similarly, HSGAC has broad jurisdiction over government operations and focuses on the effectiveness of all federal agencies. Because these committees have jurisdiction over the Postal Service, it is important for NALC to familiarize these committee members with letter carrier issues. With many new members serving on these committees, including in leadership roles, NALC will prioritize working with these members on our key issues.

Members of COA and HSGAC are listed below.

House Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Democrats

Jamie Raskin (MD),
Ranking Member
Becca Balint (VT)
Shontel Brown (OH)
Cori Bush (MO)
Greg Casar (TX)
Gerry Connolly (VA)
Jasmine Crockett (TX)
Maxwell Frost (FL)
Robert Garcia (CA)
Dan Goldman (NY)
Jimmy Gomez (CA)
Ro Khanna (CA)

Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL)
Summer Lee (PA)
Stephen Lynch (MA)
Kweisi Mfume (MD)
Jared Moskowitz (FL)
Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC)
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY)
Katie Porter (CA)
Melanie Stansbury (NM)

Republicans

James Comer (KY),
Chairman
Kelly Armstrong (ND)
Andy Biggs (AZ)
Lauren Boebert (CO)
Tim Burchett (TN)
Eric Burlison (MO)
Byron Donalds (FL)
Chuck Edwards (NC)
Pat Fallon (TX)
Virginia Foxx (NC)
Russell Fry (SC)
Paul Gosar (AZ)

Marjorie Taylor Greene (GA)
Glenn Grothman (WI)
Clay Higgins (LA)
Jim Jordan (OH)
Nick Langworthy (NY)
Jake LaTurner (KS)
Anna Luna (FL)
Nancy Mace (SC)
Lisa McClain (MI)
Gary Palmer (AL)
Scott Perry (PA)
Pete Sessions (TX)
William Timmons (SC)
Mike Turner (OH)

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Democrats

Gary Peters (MI), Chairman
Richard Blumenthal (CT)
Tom Carper (DE)
Maggie Hassan (NH)
Jon Ossoff (GA)
Alex Padilla (CA)
Kyrsten Sinema (AZ)
(Independent caucus-
ing with Democrats)
Jack Rosen (NV)

Republicans

Rand Paul (KY),
Ranking Member
Josh Hawley (MO)
Ron Johnson (WI)
James Lankford (OK)
Roger Marshall (KS)
Mitt Romney (UT)
Rick Scott (FL)



The AFL-CIO Executive Council, including NALC President Renfro (second from right) hosted Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a union brother who has organized worker strikes across Brazil.

News from Washington (continued)

Marty Walsh to step down as labor secretary

Labor Secretary Marty Walsh announced on Feb. 16 that he would step down as head of the U.S. Department of Labor for an opportunity to lead the National Hockey League Players' Association, the union that represents professional hockey players in the United States and Canada. He will depart from the agency in mid-March.

Walsh, who was nominated by President Biden in January 2021 and later confirmed by the Senate in March 2021, was the first union member in three decades to hold the position.

Following his departure, current Deputy Secretary of Labor Julie Su, who was nominated by Biden in February 2021 and confirmed by the Senate in July 2021, will serve as the agency's interim leader.

At press time, President Biden had yet to announce whether he plans to nominate Su for the position or choose someone new. Once announced, the nominee must be approved by the Senate.

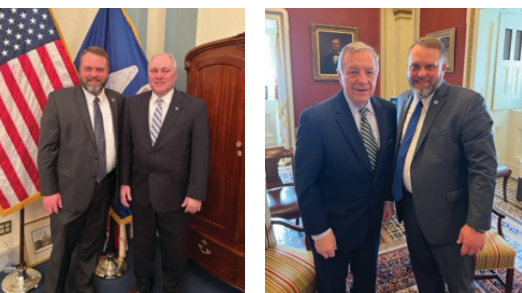
Hitting the ground running in the 118th Congress

When a new Congress convenes, it is vital to make sure that NALC's voice is heard by new and returning lawmakers. Since the 118th Congress convened in January, NALC President Brian L. Renfro has met with several leaders and members in the House and the Senate from both sides of the aisle to discuss NALC's legislative priorities. Following the passage of postal reform last year, NALC still has an ambi-

tious agenda that will require support from our Democratic and Republican friends in Congress.

In these meetings, President Renfro has discussed a new investment strategy for Postal Service pensions and asked for support and movement on the Social Security Fairness Act and the Federal Retirement Fairness Act. Additionally, he has asked lawmakers to support letter carriers by pushing the administration to act on the Segal Report, and he has made clear our priorities for the USPS Board of Governors (BOG)—to maintain stability on the BOG until NALC reaches a new national agreement and for the administration to renominate union member Capt. Lee Moak, who is currently serving in his holdover year that expires in December. Overall, these priorities have been well received and have garnered interest from bipartisan lawmakers. See the President's Message on page 1 for more information on these priorities.

President Renfro also is ensuring that NALC continues to have a voice in the broader labor movement, including our sister unions in the AFL-CIO. Renfro attended the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting in February, where union leaders discussed the federation's goals for the coming year. President Renfro, and other union leaders, also represented U.S. labor on an international stage in a meeting in Washington, DC, with Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. President Lula is a union brother who has organized worker strikes across Brazil, who helped organize Brazil's Workers' Party, and who is a global leader in the labor movement. **PR**



President Renfro has been meeting with leaders in the Capitol, including (clockwise from top): Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MI), Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA).