

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Sisters & Brothers,

Hear yee, hear yee the 115th Congress is now in session. Three House Resolutions have been introduced that should sound familiar.

H.Res.15 expresses the sense of the House that the Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of 6-day mail delivery service

H.Res.28 expresses the sense of the House that the Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for our business and residential customers.

H.Res.31 expresses the sense of the House that the Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to restore service standards that were in effect July 1, 2012.

I have been in touch with Congressman Loeb sack, his name should appear as co-sponsor on these resolutions very soon.

Hopefully, our other Congressmen in Iowa will follow. Now is the time to call on your Congressman –or go to their website and email them a request to co-sponsor these bills. Tell them why it's important to you. You can find fact sheets about these resolutions at www.nalc.org – on the drop down menu under Government Affairs click on [News & Updates](#). Take a few minutes to learn about them and ask your Congressman for his support. Or if you're in the 2nd CD, thank Congressman Loeb sack for his support. He probably doesn't hear that enough. (Maybe show some appreciation to your steward too.)

Take a look at other issues facing federal workers – yes, that's us. The president-elect wants to shrink the federal workforce by not filling vacancies and putting a hiring freeze into effect. Will that affect the Postal Service? Can you imagine watching several carriers retire and having those routes sit vacant? I guess we can, it happened a few years back. He also wants to reduce pay for federal workers who are "overcompensated." He thinks you're overpaid and have too many benefits. Thankfully we have a union contract. We have a contract until Congress decides that federal workers shouldn't be entitled to union representation.

Rap Session is coming up at the end of February, immediately afterwards several Iowa letter carriers will be off to Washington DC to talk to our Senators and Representatives about legislation and postal issues. We will be in a group of carriers from about 20 states making an effort to show how important sensible postal reform is.

You can do 2 things to help us out before we get there. 1 – call on your Congressman for support of the House Resolutions, and 2 – contribute to LCPF to keep our political effort going.

The job you save could be your own.

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