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Is Reform Coming to the Postal Service?



The big news for the USPS coming out of DC is a bill that would overhaul the postal system. [The Postal Service Reform Act](#) passed the House by a huge margin, 342-92 and now goes to the Senate. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) pledged to get the bill passed and if the House vote count is any indication, there should be little trouble in getting agreement from a body that doesn't agree to much these days. A delay in passage may occur should President Biden send the Senate a nominee for the vacant Supreme Court seat.

As passed by the House, the bill would require retired postal workers to enroll in Medicare Part-B. This would serve to eliminate the need for the postal service to cover health care costs for workers and retired workers for years in the future. Removing this "prepayment" provision would allow the postal service to save \$50 billion over the next 10 years. It is another example of how the post office operates with few of the benefits of a federal agency while still having the same responsibilities and fixed costs of federal agency. The bill would also require an accounting of local and national delivery time data.

USPS FUN FACT

Did you know that Bing Crosby, Steve Carrell, Bill Nye, Charles Lindbergh and Conrad Hilton all worked in the post office?

In other postal news, the USPS was the beneficiary of positive news coverage in the Washington Post. A front-page story on January 22 covered the role of the USPS in delivering COVID test kits and masks to many Americans. All told, the USPS will deliver 500 million test kits and has been put in an unprecedented role as the country's relief agency delivery system. This is a first-of-its kind operation. Although the postal service moves billions of pieces of mail, advertisements, parcels and even cremated remains, delivering off-the-shelf inventor is a new job for the 650,000 employees of the USPS.

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