

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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It seems as though things are happening at an ever-increasing speed, yet nothing seems to be moving at all.

I want to start with the most recent event and work my way back from there:

As we all are aware, Post Master General Megan Brennan postponed her retirement until a new PMG would be in place to take over the job. Thank You Megan! On June 15, 2020 Louis DeJoy became the 75th Post Master General. His introduction video, that by now we all should have seen, was *positive*. I will be doing a more in-depth article on him for publication in the next issue of the Rural Carrier.

On June 8, 2020 a Republican trio, Jim Jordan, Ranking Member of the House Oversight Committee, Jody Hice, Ranking House Member of Government Operations Subcommittee and Senator Ron Johnson, Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee Chairman, sent a letter to PMG Brennan asking that the USPS revise their projections for the financial impact the COVID 19 pandemic could have on the Postal Service. In this letter they claim that the increased parcel volume has given the postal service an increase of cash to the tune of \$600 million on June 4, 2020. A person might wonder if the cost of actually running the Postal Service was figured into their numbers. We all know what happens to that fat bank account once we pay our bills.

On June 1, 2020 Ronald Stroman Deputy Post Master General vacated his position after 11 years. Federal News Network
By Jory Heckman | @jheckmanWFED
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The Postal Service, a month out from its next postmaster general taking office, will also see its second-in-command leave the agency. Deputy Postmaster General Ronald Stroman, after nine years at the Postal Service and more than 40 years in public service, will resign from the agency on June 1.

According to the USPS filing to the Postal Regulatory Commission, Stroman notified the chairman of the USPS Board of Governors of his decision last Friday.

Earlier that week, the board announced former logistics executive Louis DeJoy as its pick for postmaster general. The week before, former USPS inspector general and vice president of the board, David Williams, announced his resignation.

Following Stroman's departure, the USPS board will no longer have enough members to reach a quorum. But if that happens, it can delegate authority to a Temporary Emergency Committee, which allows the four remaining Senate-confirmed governors and the postmaster general to engage in all of the board's normal decision-making.

A second reading of **HR 6800, The Heroes Act**, took place in the Senate on June 1, 2020 and was moved to the Legislative Calendar under General Orders, and will be heard in the order of the sequence in which it was received. Has this been received as DOA? [Neither of our Washington Senators have cosponsored this bill.](#)

On May 26, 2020 **HR 7015 the Postal Preservation Act** was introduced to the House of Representatives. This would provide a payment of \$25,000,000,000 into the Postal Service Fund, remaining available for use until September 30, 2022. I haven't done the research on this to understand exactly how the fund works, but it seems this may be a viable compromise to get the Republican run Senate to sign on. [Currently we have 0 Washington Representatives cosponsoring.](#)

HR 2478 up 10 to 58 cosponsors

[Jamie Herrera Beutler \(R-WA-3\)](#), [Suzane DelBene \(D-WA-1\)](#), [Pramila Jayapal \(D-WA-7\)](#), [Cathy McMorris Rodgers \(R-WA-5\)](#), [Adam Smith \(D-WA-9\)](#).

H.Res. 54 up 3 to 293 cosponsors

[All of Washington's Representatives have cosponsored](#)

H.Res. 60 up 3 to 206 cosponsors

[Jamie Herrera Beutler \(R-WA-3\)](#), [Cathy McMorris Rodgers \(R-WA-5\)](#), [Kim Schrier \(D-WA-8\)](#), [Dan Newhouse \(R-WA-4\)](#).

H.Res 33 up 1 to 267 cosponsors

[Cathy McMorris Rogers \(R-WA-5\)](#)

H.Res 23 up 4 to 261 cosponsors

[Cathy McMorris Rodgers \(R-WA-5\)](#), [Dan Newhouse \(R-WA-4\)](#), [Kim Schrier \(D-WA-8\)](#).

S.Res 99 up 1 to 54 cosponsors

[Both Washington Senators have cosponsored](#)

As always the names listed have not cosponsored, please keep making those calls and sending those letters.

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