



## WARLCA Legislative Update

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### Complacency is no longer an option.

There are several Resolutions in the House of Representatives right now, it can be easy to become discouraged in this political climate. But... In the House of Representatives there are 435 Voting Members. It takes 218 for a Majority Vote and 290 for a 2/3 Majority Vote. The numbers are climbing! We need to stay vigilant and continue to contact our Representatives.

**H.Res.54** was reintroduced on Jan 16, 2019 by Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA) expressing that the "United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service." To date this resolution has obtained 254 bi-partisan Cosponsors, [Susan DelBene \(D-WA-1\)](#), [Denny Heck \(D-WA-10\)](#), [Rick Larson \(D-WA-2\)](#), [Jamie Herrera Beutler \(R-WA-3\)](#), [Derek Kilmer \(D-WA-6\)](#), [Kathy McMorris Rogers \(R-WA-5\)](#), [Pramila Jayapal \(D-WA-7\)](#), [Adam Smith \(D-WA-9\)](#), [Kim Schrier \(D-WA-8\)](#)

**H.Res.60** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012. Introduced on January 17, 2019 by Davis B McKinley (R-WV) has 168 Cosponsors currently. [Rick Larson \(D-WA-2\)](#), [Derek Kilmer \(D-WA-6\)](#), [Denny Heck \(D-WA-10\)](#), [Susan DelBene \(D-WA-1\)](#), [Pramila Jayapal \(D-WA-7\)](#),

**H.Res.33** was introduced by Rep. Steven Lynch (D-MA) stating that "Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization. **H.R. 33** has 253 bi-partisan Cosponsors. [Adam Smith \(D-WA-9\)](#), [Rick Larson \(D-WA-2\)](#), [Derek Kilmer \(D-WA-6\)](#), [Denny Heck \(D-WA-10\)](#), [Susan DelBene \(D-WA-1\)](#), [Pramila Jayapal \(D-WA-7\)](#), [Jamie Herrera Beutler \(R-WA-3\)](#), [Kim Schrier \(D-WA-8\)](#) [Dan Newhouse \(R-WA-4\)](#)

**H.Res.23** was reintroduced by Rep. Susan Davis on January 4, 2019. The goal of this resolution is for the Postal Service to "take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for business and residential customers." Of the 214 Cosponsors, 7 are from Washington. [Susan DelBene \(D-WA-1\)](#), [Rick Larson \(D-WA-2\)](#), [Pramila Jayapal \(D-WA-7\)](#), [Jamie Herrera Beutler \(R-WA-3\)](#), [Derek Kilmer \(D-WA-6\)](#), [Denny Heck \(D-WA-10\)](#), [Adam Smith \(D-WA-9\)](#)

**S.Res.99** – Introduced in Senate by Gary Peters on March 7, 2019. "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization." Currently there are 53 Cosponsors for this bill, including both [Maria Cantwell \(D-WA\)](#) and [Patty Murry \(D-WA\)](#)

### New Resolutions to watch.

**HR 2478** – Introduced by Derek Kilmer (D-WA) on May 2, 2019 To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that civilian service in a temporary position after December 31, 1988, may be creditable service under the Federal Employees Retirement System, and for other purposes.

1.Short title-This Act may be cited as the Federal Retirement Fairness Act. 2.Creditable service for temporary employees serving after 1988

(a)In general - Section 8411(3) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking performed before January 1, 1989,

(b)Application

The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any individual who is an employee (as that term is defined in paragraph (11) of section 8401 of title 5, United States Code), including temporary employees of the United States Postal Service, or a Member (as that term is defined in paragraph (20) of such section) on or after the date of enactment of this Act has 18 Cosponsor with 2 from Washington. [Denny Heck \(D-WA-10\)](#), [Rick Larsen \(D-WA-2\)](#)

**HR 2382** – Introduced by Peter DeFazio (D-OR) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. To amend title 5, United States Code, to repeal the requirement that the United States Postal Service prepay future retirement benefits, and for other purposes. Currently with 96 Co-sponsors, 0 from Washington.

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