



# National Postal Mail Handlers Union

## THE BREAKDOWN

### Action Alert

#### MAIL NETWORK PROTECTION

The bill would prevent the United States Postal Service from entering into any contract for mail processing, mail handling, or surface transportation of mail under certain circumstances. The Postal Service would be prohibited from entering into contract during any 12 month period if such a contract would equal \$5,000,000 or more and would equate to 50 or more work years that career postal employees within a bargaining unit would have performed.

#### Congressional Legislation

**'To provide for the protection and the integrity of the United States mail.'**

Bill # H.R.4236 Original Sponsor: Stephen Lynch (D-MA 9th)

Cosponsor Total: 119 (last sponsor added 06/26/2008)

114 Democrats 5 Republicans

Status: 11/15/2007: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

01/16/2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the 'Mail Network Protection Act of 2007'

#### SEC. 2. MAIL NETWORK PROTECTION.

Section 404 of title 39, United States Code, is amended--

- (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and
- (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

` (d) (1) The Postal Service may not enter into any contract described in paragraph (2) without first satisfying the requirements of paragraph (3).

` (2) A contract described in this paragraph is any contract providing for mail processing, mail handling, or surface transportation of mail, if such contract would, for any 12-month period, involve the equivalent of 50 or more workyears of work that would otherwise be performed by career postal employees within a recognized bargaining unit or cost the Postal Service \$5,000,000 or more.

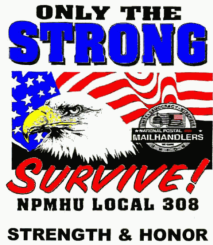
` (3) (A) Before entering into a contract described in paragraph (2) for services that would otherwise be performed by career postal employees within a recognized bargaining unit, the Postal Service shall first notify the exclusive representative of such unit (or each such unit) of its intent and, if requested, shall meet and bargain with the exclusive representative (in accordance with the provisions of chapter 12 relating to collective bargaining) with respect to the proposed contract.

` (B) If no agreement is reached within 60 days after collective bargaining commences, either party may invoke the dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection (c) of section 1207, which subsection shall thereupon apply in accordance with its terms.

` (4) Any contract described in paragraph (2) which is not entered into in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (3) shall be void ab initio.'

#### SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to any contract entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.



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