

# Congressional Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service

## 117th Congress

The U.S. Postal Service is part of the federal government. Specifically, it is an independent establishment of the executive branch.

Unlike most federal agencies, USPS operations are not funded through appropriations. Instead, it relies on revenues raised from postage and other fees.

Still, Congress has an important and influential oversight role, not least of which is to write the laws that govern USPS. Postal reform is a perennial issue, often with bipartisan support. But legislation rarely moves out of either chamber. Could this Congress be different? Many experts believe yes. The combination of recent service struggles, operational changes, higher prices, and the importance of the Postal Service to civil society has raised the agency's profile – and the stakes in ensuring its viability.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers has already reintroduced the [USPS Fairness Act](#) in both the Senate ([S. 145](#)) and the House ([H.R. 695](#)). The bills would eliminate the Postal Service's 2006 obligation to prefund retiree health benefits. Stakeholders expect comprehensive reform bills to be introduced this session as well.

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