

H.R. 2382 Passes the House – APWU Members Instrumental in Victory! *The Battle Moves to the Senate*

On Feb. 5, the USPS Fairness Act (H.R. 2382) passed the House of Representatives with overwhelming, bipartisan support – 309 ‘yea,’ 106 ‘nay,’ and 15 Representatives did not vote. The House’s passage of this legislation is the first step toward repealing the retiree health care prefunding mandate set forth in the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA). The prefunding mandate is responsible for 92 percent of Postal Service net losses since 2007 and is a threat to the financial sustainability of the Postal Service.

“Passing this legislation in the House is a positive step toward relieving the Postal Service of the manufactured financial crisis caused by the prefunding mandate,” said Legislative & Political Director Judy Beard. “APWU members were absolutely instrumental in educating their Representatives on this issue and obtaining support for the legislation. Without you, we would not have been able to achieve this milestone.”

APWU active, retired, and auxiliary members made over 7,570 calls to Congress and conducted numerous office visits urging support for this legislation. “Our members’, allies’, and sister postal unions’ efforts to speak to Congress and the public about the truth behind the Postal Service’s financial burden are paying off with this bipartisan legislation,” said President Mark Dimondstein. “Again, we see the power of workers and collective action.”

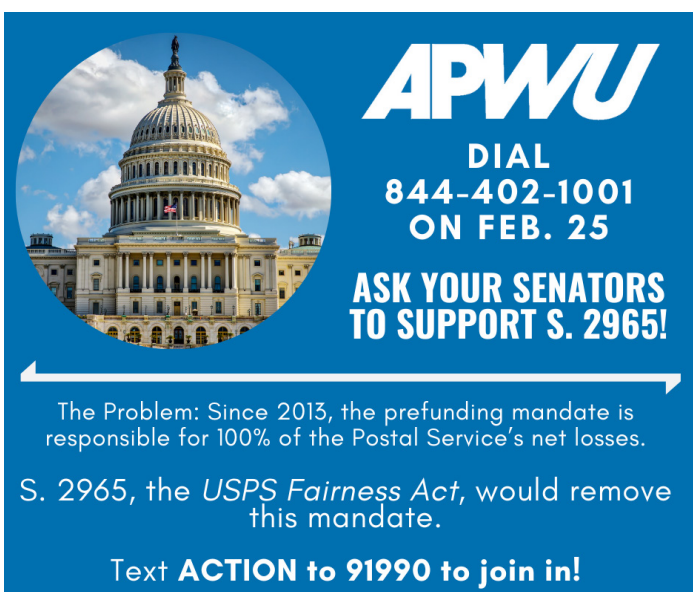
With H.R. 2382 passing the House, we now turn our attention to the companion bill in the Senate, S. 2965.

Senate Day of Action Announced

The passage of H.R. 2382 in the House has us fired up and we are ready to take our fight to the Senate! Once again, we will be asking our APWU members to participate on a national call-in day of action on Tuesday, February 25.

APWU members, along with our allies, will flood the phones in their Senators’ offices and ask them to become a cosponsor of S. 2965. Thousands of APWU members called in during our last call in day of action, resulting in every member of the House of Representatives being contacted and numerous Representatives signing onto the bill. We are confident we can duplicate that success and achieve support for S. 2965, but we need your help!

Text ACTION to 91990 to receive a reminder call on February 25, or you can place it on your calendar. You can also sign up to receive an email reminder by going to apwu.org/fairness. Reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to call their senators as well. By strengthening the Postal Service, if passed, this legislation will positively affect every person in this country.



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DIAL
844-402-1001
ON FEB. 25
**ASK YOUR SENATORS
TO SUPPORT S. 2965!**

The Problem: Since 2013, the prefunding mandate is responsible for 100% of the Postal Service’s net losses.

S. 2965, the *USPS Fairness Act*, would remove this mandate.

Text **ACTION** to **91990** to join in!

Awaiting Arbitration Award

The Interest Arbitration Award for our new union contract is expected within the next 3-5 weeks. Once Neutral Arbitrator Stephen Goldberg and the Arbitration Panel issues the Award the APWU national leadership will immediately share the outcome with the members.

In addition, as soon as possible after the Award is received the APWU will mail a new and updated union contract (Collective Bargaining Agreement) to every member.

Save the Date: March 28 Great 1970 Postal Strike Commemoration Manhattan Center, NYC

Additional details to follow. Other commemoration activities and events may be planned in other cities. Information on these events will be posted on apwu.org/events as it becomes available.