



House Passes HEROES Act, Onward to the Senate

On May 12, lawmakers in the House introduced H.R. 6800, or the **HEROES** (Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions) Act. The bill provides emergency funding for various agencies and sectors of the economy. On May 15 this bill passed the House by a vote of 208-199. It should not have been that close. More of us contacting our members would have improved the Yea votes.

The bill was received in the Senate on May 20 and read into the record on May 21 and placed on the calendar. As of June 1 no further action has been taken.

Among the postal provisions included in the legislation are:

- A \$25 billion cash infusion for the USPS (subject to oversight/audit by the USPS Office of Inspector General)
- Modification of the CARES Act \$10 billion loan provision so that the USPS loan would be subject to terms and conditions of the existing note agreement between USPS and the Federal Financing Bank, thereby easing previous restrictions on the line of credit
- Promotion of vote by mail via absentee ballots with prepaid postage by state/local governments
- Work performed by USPS employees deemed “essential work”

Section 8 of the US Constitution specifically grants to Congress the Power to establish Post Offices. Many members of Congress today read into that document that they also have the right to de-establish and then privatize the post office.

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