



## Government funded through FY2016; Congress adjourns for the holidays

Following weeks of negotiations—including a couple of short-term spending measures—both the House and Senate have finally passed a \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending measure, H.R. 2029, that funds the government through Sept. 30, 2016. It now awaits the President Obama's signature. [Click here to read more.](#)

## 2016 congressional calendar: 114th/second session

Looking ahead to 2016, members of Congress are expected to spend a fair amount of time in their home states. When members of Congress are in-district, it's an ideal opportunity to plan meetings with them and their staff members, or to seek out opportunities to engage them locally. [Click here to read more.](#)

## A board of 'governor'

The terms of two USPS Board of Governors members officially expired on Dec. 8, leaving a board that is supposed to have nine Senate-confirmed members with just one. [Click here to read more.](#)

## Survey says USPS 'most favorable' federal agency

A national poll conducted by the Pew Research Center has again shown that the U.S. Postal Service is the most favored among all federal agencies. [Click here to read more.](#)

## Year-end wrap-up on postal reform efforts

With all of the year's activities on so many non-postal priorities, NALC activists might be wondering where things stand with regard to postal reform on Capitol Hill. NALC continues to engage key leaders in both the House and Senate behind the scenes, while also working directly with other postal stakeholders and the Postal Service itself to build consensus on a package of reforms that will continue to stabilize USPS. Read about our issues and fact sheets—our postal reform wish list—[here](#).

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### Resolution tracker

[H.Res. 12](#) (six-day):  
227 co-sponsors  
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[H.Res. 28](#) (door delivery):  
178 co-sponsors  
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[H.Res. 54](#) (service standards):  
226 co-sponsors  
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### NALC President Emeritus James H. Rademacher: 1921-2015

James H. Rademacher, national president of the NALC from 1968 to 1977, died on Dec. 15 of natural causes in Roanoke, VA. He was 94 years old. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Veterans Identification Card Act signed into law

In 2017, U.S. military service veterans will have the option to request identification cards to prove that they are eligible for veteran benefits. [Click here to read more.](#)