

# UPDATE

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## **Postal Reform Measure Approved by House Oversight Committee**

By a broad, bipartisan voice vote, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Thursday cleared postal reform legislation, the [Postal Reform Act of 2017, H.R. 756](#), intended to set the U.S. Postal Service on a firmer financial footing.

Passage of the measure followed on the heels of lobbying efforts in support of the legislation by over 500 members of the National Association of Postal Supervisors on Capitol Hill last week during the [NAPS Legislative Training Seminar \(LTS\)](#).

During Thursday's committee markup, several amendments by Rep. Darrel Issa (R-CA) to require the Postal Service to pursue a more aggressive approach toward its finances and centralized delivery were defeated by bipartisan votes.

The HOCR Committee, also approved the [Postal Service Financial Improvement Act, H.R. 760](#), which would permit the government's investment of Postal Retiree Health Benefit Fund assets (currently over \$50 billion) in the same index funds and strategies applied to federal employee and retiree assets held in the Federal Thrift Savings Plan.

The postal reform measure, H.R. 756, now awaits clearance by two other House committees -- the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee.

NAPS members are encouraged to schedule and meet with their House lawmakers back home to continue to urge support for postal reform and H.R. 756. The NAPS LTS issue brief [is here](#).

Thanks to all who attended the LTS in Washington last week. Your lobbying savvy helped to make a difference!

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