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H. R. 1686

To provide for the protection and integrity of the United States mail.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2009

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To provide for the protection and integrity of the United States mail.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mail Network Protec-
5 tion Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAIL NETWORK PROTECTION.**

7 Section 404 of title 39, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
10 subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(d)(1) The Postal Service may not enter into any
4 contract described in paragraph (2) without first satis-
5 fying the requirements of paragraph (3).

6 “(2) A contract described in this paragraph is any
7 contract which—

8 “(A) provides for mail processing, mail han-
9 dling, or surface transportation of mail; and

10 “(B) involves work—

11 “(i) that would otherwise be performed, in
12 whole or in part, by career postal employees
13 within a recognized bargaining unit; and

14 “(ii) the performance of which would, dur-
15 ing any 12-month period—

16 “(I) cost the Postal Service
17 \$5,000,000 or more under the proposed
18 contract; or

19 “(II) involve at least 50 workyears of
20 work.

21 “(3)(A) Before entering into a contract described in
22 paragraph (2), the Postal Service shall first notify the ex-
23 clusive representative of the bargaining unit described in
24 paragraph (2)(B)(i) (or each such unit) of its intent and,
25 if requested, shall meet and bargain with the exclusive rep-

1 resentative (or representatives), in accordance with the
2 provisions of chapter 12 relating to collective bargaining,
3 with respect to the proposed contract.

4 “(B) If no agreement is reached within 60 days after
5 collective bargaining commences, either party may invoke
6 the dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection
7 (c) of section 1207, which subsection shall thereupon
8 apply in accordance with its terms.

9 “(4) Any contract described in paragraph (2) which
10 is not entered into in accordance with the requirements
11 of paragraph (3) shall be void ab initio.”.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
14 respect to any contract entered into on or after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act.

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