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S. 1668

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2011

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Protecting Rural Post
5 Offices Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON CLOSING OF POST OFFICES.**

2 Section 404(d) of title 39, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-
5 section, in making any determination under subsection
6 (a)(3) as to the necessity for the closing or consolidation
7 of any post office, the Postal Service may not close any
8 post office which results in more than 10 miles distance
9 (as measured on roads with year-round access) between
10 any 2 post offices.”.

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