

# *Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers*



## *President's Report*

June 2011

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

What is it that keeps you coming back to work at the post office?

Is it the cheery greeting you get from your supervisor as you walk in the door? The pleasant working conditions you encounter as you're getting the route ready to go? How about the adventures of working outside in the elements with snarling dogs lurking nearby?

Or is it the satisfaction of knowing you provide an essential service to the public?

Paycheck?

So what would you do if you couldn't work for the Postal Service? Have you ever wondered how marketable your skills and how valuable your experience would be to a potential employer? Ever thought about what it would be like to look for a job right now?

How easy would it be to keep what you have? A phone call or letter to your Congressman or Senator doesn't seem like much in comparison to job hunting. \$5 from your paycheck to COLCPE is a small price to pay to support those who support our cause. Click on the "Gimme 5" banner at [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org) to start your contribution – or increase it, and learn about the contests going on right now.

It is much easier to fight for what we have rather to fight to get back what we could so easily lose. Have we become so complacent that we think our job will always be there waiting for us? What could possibly happen to take it away? Legislation passed by Congress.

After all, it is legislation that established the Postal Service and our right to bargain collectively. It could just as easily be taken away.

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Representative Latham (202-225-5476) recently joined Representatives Boswell (202-225-3806), Braley (202-225-2911) and Loeb sack (202-225-6576) in co-sponsoring HR 1351. If you live in their district, give their office a call and thank them for supporting our cause. Still waiting for Representative King out in the 5<sup>th</sup> district, have you called him yet to let him know how important this issue is to letter carriers and the future of the Postal Service? (202-225-4426)

Let's fight for what we still have – the postal service - rather than try to get back what we once had. It's well worth a few bucks every pay day to make sure we still have a pay day coming.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

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