

**Legislative and Political Committee
Recommendation No. 9**

**Based On
Resolution**

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Saving the USPS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service finds itself in a precarious financial position, because of the 2008 recession, the electronic diversion of mail, and Congressionally mandated payments to prefund the Retiree Health Benefit Fund, which have robbed the USPS of more than \$20 billion over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, this dire situation has led some opportunists on Capitol Hill, within the Postal Service, and in the private sector to use these circumstances as a pretext to attack the wages and benefits of postal employees and the collective bargaining process itself; and

WHEREAS, these same forces wish to dismantle the Postal Service's processing and delivery network, cut more than 200,000 career employees, and reduce USPS competitiveness by reducing service standards; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2309 sponsored by Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA) and his one co-sponsor, Representative Dennis Ross (R-FL), embodies the worst of these insidious plans; and

WHEREAS, a far better alternative is found in H.R. 1351, introduced by Representative Stephen Lynch (D-MA), with the bipartisan support of 229 co-sponsors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union will spare no effort to support H.R. 1351, to oppose H.R. 2309 (as currently written), and to combat any other measures – legislative, administrative, or otherwise – that would lead to the demise of the Postal Service.