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Julio Figueroa, President of Local 313, delivered an invocation with a focus on the unity needed to stand strong against the foes of labor and the Postal Service.



Legislative and Political Director Bob Losi and Senior Legislative Advisor Roger Blacklow jointly presented their assessment of the political scene.

Service, and noted that the challenges that lie ahead are not by any means “insurmountable.” President Hegarty honored her, as he had the other elected officials that have joined us over the past few days, by presenting her with a beautiful Mail Handler jacket, which she proudly wore as she made her way out of the Hall to the cheers and applause of those in attendance..

DAY 5

FRIDAY

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Sen. John Tester (D-MT) delivered the morning’s opening video message, as the fifth day of the 2012 Convention started. Tester made reference to the Senate leadership’s efforts to pass sustainable postal reform legislation, in the form of S. 1789, urging the House to consider and pass the Senate’s version of the

bill. Unfortunately, as mentioned earlier, such action is not likely given that right-wing Republicans control the House. They have made it clear that they will try to move forward with their own ill-advised postal reform legislation, H.R. 2309, sponsored by Darrell Issa (R-CA). Senator Tester told the delegates that “your role is critical in keeping America connected.” But should H.R. 2309 become public law, this role would be exponentially more difficult for Mail Handlers to carry out.

Next, Julio Figueroa, President of Local 313, delivered the Invocation, focusing again on the critical element of unity that is necessary to stand strong against those seeking to decimate the accomplishments of the labor movement and to deconstruct the Postal Service.

The keynote speaker of the day followed. With a command-

ing presence on the podium, Terry O’Sullivan, General President of the Laborers International Union of North America, delivered a rhe-

torical masterpiece, reproaching right-wing Members of Congress and Wall Street “fat-cats” for their vicious attempts at destroying



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Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain encouraged unity to accomplish great deeds.