

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To modify the conditions that limit workshare discounts, and provide for a time period relating to inducements of mailer behavior.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—108th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2468**

To reform the postal laws of the United States.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN

Viz:

- 1 On page 10, line 1, strike through page 11, line 22,
- 2 and insert the following:
- 3 “(e) WORKSHARE DISCOUNTS.—
- 4 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
- 5 ‘workshare discount’ refers to rate discounts pro-
- 6 vided to mailers for the presorting, prebarcoding,
- 7 handling, or transportation of mail, as further de-
- 8 fined by the Postal Regulatory Commission under
- 9 subsection (a).

1           “(2) REGULATIONS.—As part of the regulations  
2 established under subsection (a), the Postal Regu-  
3 latory Commission shall establish rules for  
4 workshare discounts that ensure that such discounts  
5 do not exceed the cost that the Postal Service avoids  
6 as a result of workshare activity, unless—

7           “(A) the discount is—

8           “(i) associated with a new postal serv-  
9 ice or with a change to an existing postal  
10 service; and

11           “(ii) necessary, over a period of time  
12 not to exceed 4 years, to induce mailer be-  
13 havior that furthers the economically effi-  
14 cient operation of the Postal Service;

15           “(B) a reduction in the discount would—

16           “(i) lead to a loss of volume in the af-  
17 fected category of mail and reduce the ag-  
18 gregate contribution to institutional costs  
19 of the Postal Service from the mail matter  
20 subject to the discount below what it other-  
21 wise would have been if the discount had  
22 not been reduced to costs avoided;

23           “(ii) result in a further increase in the  
24 rates paid by mailers not able to take ad-  
25 vantage of the discount; or

1                   “(iii) impede the efficient operation of  
2                   the Postal Service;

3                   “(C) the amount of the discount above  
4                   costs avoided—

5                   “(i) is necessary to mitigate rate  
6                   shock; and

7                   “(ii) will be phased out over time; or

8                   “(D) the workshare discount is provided in  
9                   connection with subclasses of mail consisting  
10                  exclusively of mail matter of educational, cul-  
11                  tural, or scientific value.