

## LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

Because of our ever-increasing involvement with the Congress of the United States the Legislative Chairman is in a position to help determine the future of not only the Postmasters in their Chapter but that of the U.S.P.S. and all Postmasters through the passage or defeat of legislation. It is therefore imperative that the Legislative Chairman be knowledgeable and dedicated to the legislative process.

1. The Legislative Chairman must be willing and able to contact the legislators from his state. In addition, a close relationship should be established with the Congressman's Legislative Assistant. (Do not refer to this person as an Aide.)
2. They must maintain up-dated knowledge concerning legislation vital to the interests of Postmasters. Valuable information can be obtained through various publications from the National Office of NAPUS and from the "Congressional Record." A subscription to this may be obtained through the office of your Congressman.
3. It is extremely important that the Chairman work with the Chapter President to select committee members who **personally know** the Senator or Congressman from their district.
4. The Chairman should maintain contact with committee members and the general membership via letters, articles in the "Around The Cracker Barrel," and at meetings and seminars. When action is required, he should contact committee members by telephone, who in turn will be instructed to contact their Congressman. This contact may be made by (a) personal contact, (b) telephone, (c) personal letter, (d) personal postcard, or (e) telegram.
5. The Chairman must work with the President to coordinate the legislative activities for the Chapter at the Legislative Conference in Washington in February. As many members as possible should be encouraged to attend this conference. Be sure to include the Retired Postmasters as they have many years experience and can be of assistance in many ways.
6. A bus is normally procured at a price of approximately \$3500 to hold 40 passengers attending the Legislative Conference in Washington. The bus usually leaves Commerce around 7:00 am on Saturday morning the week of the Conference. Those traveling over 50 miles may stay at the hotel where the bus leaves with their room being paid by the Chapter.
7. The Chapter should provide sufficient funds on an ongoing basis for the legislative effort either directly from the budget or from special projects, such as (a) direct solicitations from the membership, (b) "fifty-fifty" drawings and raffles at district meetings, (c) auctions at the annual convention, or (d) other special events specifically designated for the legislative fund.
8. The Legislative Chairman should attend meetings of the Executive Committee as a voting member.