

# 20% of all congressional work is naming post offices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Over the past decade, 20 percent of all legislation Congress has passed has been to name post offices.

The findings are contained in a report by the Congressional Research Service, and first reported by The Huffington Post.

The height of the post office-naming craze was in the 110th Congress (2007-2008), which passed 109 bills to

name post offices — 24 percent of all the legislation it passed.

The last Congress (112th), which was the most unproductive since at least the 1940s, moved through 46 bills naming post offices, out of 240 total measures passed. (It also passed six bills regarding commemorative coins.)

The numbers are especially striking when compared with those from previ-

ous sessions of Congress. According to an analysis compiled by Knight-Mozilla OpenNews Fellow Noah Veltman in January, in the 26 years before the 106th Congress (1999-2000), post office naming bills represented less than 5 percent of all the legislation signed into law.

In the current Congress, the House Oversight and Government Reform

Committee — where most post office naming acts originate — has adopted a policy stating that these pieces of legislation should not take up too much time: “The consideration of bills designating facilities of the United States Postal Service shall be conducted so as to minimize the time spent on such matters by the committee and the House of Representatives.”

**Table 1. Quantity of Post Office Naming Laws, 108<sup>th</sup>-112<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Congress	Naming Laws	Post Office Naming Acts As Percentage of All Statutes
108 <sup>th</sup>	88	17.7% (88/498)
109 <sup>th</sup>	98	20.3% (98/482)
110 <sup>th</sup>	109	23.7% (109/460)
111 <sup>th</sup>	70	18.2% (70/383)
112 <sup>th</sup>	46	19.2% (46/240)
<b>Average</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>19.9% (82/412)</b>

## Oregon AFL-CIO convention Sept. 27-29 in Bend

BEND — Union leaders and activists, mark your calendars for Sept. 27-29 and the 53rd biennial Oregon AFL-CIO Convention. The convention will be held at The Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center: 3075 N Business 97, Bend.

Registration opens Friday, Sept. 27. That evening a Welcome Party will be held. Convention business gets under way Saturday morning, Sept. 28.

The popular Union Label Show is scheduled Saturday evening.

For more information, call the Oregon AFL-CIO at 503-224-3169 or from Salem call 503-585-6320.

## Walmart workers strike, attend annual shareholders meeting

A group of more than 100 Walmart workers from stores in Northern California, Miami, Boston, Denver, and elsewhere started an extended strike on Memorial Day against the retail megamonster. They caravanned to Bentonville, Arkansas, on June 1 for Wal-

mart's annual shareholders meeting. There, they called on Walmart board members and shareholders to address poverty wages, health care, retaliation against workers, and scheduling that hurts workers, customers and the economy.

A rally in support of Walmart workers will be held in Portland Friday, June 7, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at the Walmart store at 4200 SE 82nd Avenue (off Holgate), and in Longview at 3715 Ocean Beach Highway.

## ATU attorney will read from new novel June 13 at Powell's Books

Portland union attorney Susan Stoner will read from a new historical mystery novel June 13 at Powell's Books on Hawthorne.

Dry Rot is the third volume in her series about a fictional trade union spy named Sage Adair, set in the Portland of the early 1900s. Dry Rot takes place in 1902, and features a losing strike, a union leader framed for murder, a rag-picker poet, and a true-to-life story of construction fraud that led to the collapse of a city bridge.

Timber Beasts, the first in the series, deals with the savage exploitation of loggers; Land Sharks, the second, has to do with the Portland “underground,” where men were shanghaied and placed in service aboard ocean-going ships bound for China. A forthcoming book, Black Drop, will relate the 1903 visit to Portland of then-President Teddy Roosevelt.

Stoner works for Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757, and has a passion for researching labor history.

The reading will take place at 7:30 June 13 at Powell's Books on Hawthorne, 3723 SE Hawthorne.



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