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95TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION	[2]	AUDIENCE: Good morning.
	[3]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Welcome to the Georgia
		State Association 95th Biennial Convention.
	[5]	Did you all enjoy the cookout on
	[6]	yesterday?
	[7]	AUDIENCE: Yes.
	[8]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: They had a wonderful
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	[9]	spread out there, Linus Catering. They really did an
		outstanding job.
Friday, June 10, 2016	[11]	We're going to start the convention. In
		the meantime I'm going to turn it over to Branch 73
9:00 a.m.		president Eric Sloan.
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Hilton Atlanta Airport	[15]	0
1031 Virginia Avenue Atlanta, Georgia	[16]	0
	[17]	BROTHER SLOAN: Reverend Cameron, will you come up, please.
	[10]	Reverend Cameron will be leading us this
		morning in the prayer and invocation.
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Linda C. Ruggeri, CCR-A-261	[23]	
	[24]	James Cameron; and you know who you are, so you're
	[25]	officially introduced.
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Charles Windham 37		of Allegiance. (Applause.)
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Muscular Dystrophy Association 141		I want to firstly welcome you to our Georgia state
Royal E. Smith Scholarship Fund 151		convention. I've got a little welcoming speech that I
		wrote, and it reads as follows: As president of the
Nomination of Officers 172		NALC Branch 73, your host, I would like to welcome you
	11211	all to what we affectionately call Hotlanta.
		As we embark upon another state
	[22]	As we embark upon another state
	[22] [23]	convention, new journey, new direction, and new
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[1]	community are much stronger unified than we are apart;	r 1 1	reaches out to help the membership, give us what we
	and we must all continue to seek and fight for what is		need. It's not too many times that you find a person
	right, not only within our own union family but for		as dedicated and committed as he is. He's been
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	other unions and within the Postal Service as well.		instrumental from day one when we reached out to him.
	We should share this time for teaching, learning,		But, you know, what touched me yesterday the short
	fellowship, and garner an understanding of what we as		time I had to meet up with him, I come out and I see
	a union need or what we can attain by being united and		the city councilman, he's out there directing traffic,
[8]	working together.		moving the cone. You know, he's out there working.
[9]	It is the responsibility of each of us to		He's out there working. He's not, you know, just
[10]	put forth the effort to truly make a difference. As	[10]	giving instructions or he's not on the cell phone off
[11]	the leadership around the country, we are also duly	[11]	somewhere. He actually took the time to come and sit
[12]	tasked to energize our home base. We must lead by	[12]	and be a part of what we was all about.
[13]	example as a nexus to our human nation that in order	[13]	So, again, I want to introduce Tracey
[14]	to acquire what we want and deserve we must stand	[14]	Wyatt.
[15]	strong, stand united, and continue to build a strong	[15]	(Applause.)
	and more solid foundation and growing our membership.	[16]	COUNCILMAN WYATT: Good morning.
[17]	During this time we are all here together,	[17]	AUDIENCE: Good morning.
	let's openly discuss those legitimate issues many	[18]	COUNCILMAN WYATT: I certainly want to
	speak about but rarely address. Let's put forth that		welcome you to Atlanta. Thank you, Mr. President.
	endurance and fortitude needed in making our family	[20]	I can assure you as an elected official
	stronger. For the service of our members, I must		you find it a lot different sitting up here than you
	implore each of you to commit to your respective		do sitting out there. So I wish you all the luck, and
	branches of doing what is necessary and right for our		I would certainly hope that the membership of
	family, that is, the union.		Branch 73 in Atlanta get behind you and help move
[25]	Again, welcome to Atlanta and enjoy the	[25]	these unions forward because no one person is bigger
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	been hungry since I went to work for the Post Office,		Goosby, Portia Lamar, Cornelia Horton, Coley Greene,
	I have never got sent outdoors, I have always had a		Carl Davis, Miriam Hunter, Cynthia Williams, Angela
	car to drive, and I have always been able to buy a		
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	regrets and certainly a lot of thanks and gratitude.		Convention Committee, and I want you all to give them
	But it's time for me to go. I'm old school and I'm		a hand.
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	something. I don't know. But I don't understand how		picnic, enjoyed the shuttle to and from, the road
	you can invest \$100 million on something that letter		shuttle, and I hope you enjoyed the hospitality room
	carriers got to make work right. I don't get it. But		last night.
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[17]	I'd just certainly like anything we can do		closing, again, like I said earlier, we have no
	for you while you're here at your stay, please feel		strangers at our house. We are honored to host this event, and we are honored to have you here. And if
	free, and I mean that like I said, great time yesterday. I stayed out there all day, and they even		you need any assistance with anything, directions or
	gave me a to-go plate. I told them I was begging for		anything, reach out to any member delegate from
	some food to go. I said, hey, I ain't got no kitchen		Branch 73; and I'm sure that they'll be more than
	mechanics at home. Somebody please give me some food		happy to help you.
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[2]	(Applause.)		reason, and we will be addressing that. They left her
[3]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: I see our former		report out. But I do have some here, and we will get
	business agent, Wayne White, he stepped back out.		them passed out to you. We would be remiss if we did
[5]	(Applause.)		not make sure that you saw a copy of her report, so we
[6]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Also, we have coming		do have it here.
	down from Washington the former RRA executive	[7]	I'm excited to introduce our next speaker.
[8]			I believe it was last August at Central Labor Council
[9]			in Macon when the AFL-CIO was considering the dues
[10]			structure; and Charlie Flemming and Yvonne Robinson
[11]	(Applause.)		and our speaker here, we met in Macon at Central Labor
[12]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Chuck Windham, former		Council to discuss those proposed changes. In October
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[14]	(Applause.)		convention, he was the guest speaker; and I was
[15]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: We're going to have an		mesmerized how he spoke about labor. As a matter of
	exciting convention, I'm sure. Brother Eric had some		fact, when Brother Alston and Tim McCray and I left
	other speakers that because of conflicts couldn't be		and after he finished, we thought we had been in
	here, but we do have a video from Congressman Hank		church. And I assure you this morning that he will
	Johnson that I invited a lot of politicians. Of		speak so powerful that you will give him your
	course, they all come up with an excuse, especially		undivided attention, dynamic speaker.
	those on the Republican side, as to why they couldn't	[21]	But most of all as I listened at the words
	come and address letter carriers. But isn't it		that came out of his mouth to let me know that not
	strange that even though they don't want to address		only was he a dynamic speaker but he was a child of
	the letter carriers they want your vote.		God, and that drew me closer to him, and I said he has
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[22]	imminent to date.		declined, so has wages declined. The economy has
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[25]	deliberate speed driven by an unwavering intensity	[25]	according to the 2015 Bureau of Labor statistics, is
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[1]	BROTHER CLARK: See, I contend that God is	r 1 1	Muhammad Ali fan. When he used to box and I was much
	on the side of the right to win.		younger, nothing could go on that I would hear or see.
[3]	(Audience crosstalking.)		I was in it. And when he started dancing, I could do
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[4]	BROTHER CLARK: We are under attack, and		the Ali shuffle better than Ali did. I preached so
	we have to do something. Every affiliate, every CLC,		many sermons and included Ali in my sermon. I talked
	every state fed, the national AFL-CIO, all of us got		about the Thrilla in Manila.
	to look at where we are. We got to change our modus	[7]	So when he passed, I really sit down and
	operandi.		watched; and I had tears in my eyes because it
[9]	Let me tell you a story. An old man		challenged me to look at me. Here's a man at 74 years
[10]	y'all know we love to tell stories.	[10]	old, stood up for what he believed in at a time when
[11]	(Laughter.)	[11]	it wasn't popular, stood up at a time when his own
[12]	BROTHER CLARK: An old man went to the	[12]	folks turned their back on him. But because he
[13]	doctor complaining that his wife could barely hear.	[13]	believed in it, Barbara Walters you all may have
[14]	The doctor suggested a test to find out the extent of	[14]	seen this was interviewing him and she said she
[15]	her problem. He told the old man, he said, stand far	[15]	said: Champ, what if you can't ever go back in the
[16]	behind her and ask her a question and then slowly move	[16]	ring again? What if folks don't raise up when you
[17]	closer to her to see how long it takes her to respond.	[17]	walk in? He said: I'll just go get a job. Me and my
	The old man was excited to finally be working on a		wife, I'll drive a taxi, get a little apartment, and
	solution to the problem that the wife had, runs home		we'll be happy.
	and see his wife preparing supper. He said, Honey,	[20]	Tears running down because I'm asking
	standing about 20 feet away, Honey, what's for supper?		myself the question: What have I done? Do I measure
	No response. He walked up a little closer, 15 feet.		up? How many times have I walked by situations where
	Honey, what's for supper? He didn't get a response.		I could have said something? How many folks been in
	He's already gauging how close he's got to get. He		the street that I could have at least done something
	did it again at 10 feet. Then finally he got to		or said something or directed them to a place who
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	know what happened. I don't know what it was on the		not quit. You must not quit. You must not quit.
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	times. There comes a time when you decide I'm going	[5]	(Applause.)
	to fight back. That day I got up, and all I can	[6]	BROTHER CLARK: Thank you all very much.
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[8]	Boy, I had beaten him so bad. But I come to tell you	[8]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: I told you, didn't I?
	this, I never had to worry about Chiney Boy anymore		I told you. You must not quit, y'all. After a
[10]			message like that, you know what we got to do, don't
[11]	(Applause.)		you? He has to get the letter carriers salute, y'all.
[12]	BROTHER CLARK: We got to fight back.		He's got to.
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	against us, but we got to fight back. And I submit		hooray. Hip hip hooray.
	and I am closing. I've got to tell y'all, we're	[15]	(Applause.)
	closing. We're down.	[16]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: We're fired up, y'all.
[17]	(Applause.)	[17]	I have an announcement here from Eric.
[18]	BROTHER CLARK: We've got to fight back		All Branch 73 members must see the treasurer without
	because we can't afford not to. If we don't fight		fail at the break. No further registration after the
	back, Grover Norquist wins, the Koch brothers win,		break for anyone regardless of the branch.
	ALEC wins, Rush Limbaugh wins, Donald Trump wins, Bob	[21]	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say again.
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	was telling everyone today. Activists, leaders, take		must see the treasurer without fail at the break. No
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	smile and a handshake. Thank you.		what can you do because if you don't do it, no one is
[3]	(Applause.)		going to do it.
[4]	BROTHER GIBBS: Thank you, Brother. Thank	[4]	But for all of you, like I said, I love
	you for the many years of service you have given. The		you. You're my brothers and sisters. I walk with
	brother just talked about service. Chuck was a		you. I'll never forget you.
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[10]	(Applause.)		up, Bob with the minutes, Chuck mentioned that he
[11]	BROTHER GIBBS: Let's give him the letter		trained me as an arbitration advocate. And I can
	carrier salute.		remember very well my first case was in Decatur. Ned
[13]	Hip hip hooray. Hip hip hooray. Hip hip		was supposed to come, but Chuck came. And you talk
	hooray.		about really someone that is sitting there and
[15]	Chuck, have a few final words for us,		technically advising, that's really steering you in
	please.		the right direction. Chuck was always on point. And
[17]	BROTHER WINDHAM: You know, that's a big		I thank you, Chuck; and I certainly appreciate what
	challenge for me to say a few parting words. But, you		you have done for me in my career as a union officer.
[19]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[19]	At this time, we want to call Nicole to
	this. All I can say is I love you.		the podium to make a few opening remarks. She's going
[21]	(Applause.)		to do her pitch this afternoon, but we want her to at
[22]	BROTHER WINDHAM: I look to a lot of folks		least say hi to the convention.
	that I had the opportunity to work with and, of	[23]	(Applause.)
	course, the business agent here, I think we spoke last	[24]	SISTER RHINE: Good morning, everybody.
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[2]	Thanks.	[2]	And that is our report at this time.
[3]	(Applause.)		Remember, the report is preliminary and we will have
[4]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: At this time we will		registration also in the morning. And also if you
[5]			have not registered or if you know someone here with
[6]	the previous convention.		your branch that has not registered, please have them
[7]	BROTHER HOLLENBERGER: Mr. President, Zane		come by the desk soon.
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[8]		[8]	And that's our report at this time. Thank
[9]			you.
[10]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Okay. We have a motion	[10] [11]	(Applause.) PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Do we have a motion to
[11]	that we suspend the reading of the last convention		accept the preliminary report of the Credentials
	minutes. Do I have a second?		Committee?
	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.		
[14]		[14]	SISTER BURNEY: Cynthia Burney, Branch 73.
[15]	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You've got to go up		I would like to make a motion to accept the
	to the microphone.		preliminary report. PRESIDENT GRIGGS: I have a motion. Do I
[17]	BROTHER SAMS: Bynoskia Sams, president of	[17]	
[18]	Branch 578, Savannah, Georgia. I second.		have a second?
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[2]	chairperson, executive board.		protect your fellow brothers and sisters, we're
[3]	BROTHER SAMS: Here.		infighting. Is this what this organization has come
[4]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: Zane		to? It's okay to have disagreements. You have them
[5]	Hollenberger, executive board member.		in your home. But when it reaches the
[6]	BROTHER HOLLENBERGER: Here.	[6]	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't.
[7]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: Tiawanna Jackson,	[7]	(Laughter.)
[8]	executive board member.	[8]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: But when it reaches the
[9]	SISTER TIAWANNA JACKSON: Here.	[9]	level where it causes confusion to the point where
[10]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: Ronney Harper,	[10]	you're really not functioning, then you need to step
[11]	executive board member.	[11]	back. The organization has to function in spite of
[12]	BROTHER HARPER: Here.	[12]	you. Can we all agree on that?
[13]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: And Eric Sloan,	[13]	(Audience crosstalking.)
[14]	executive board member.	[14]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: So I encourage you to
[15]	BROTHER SLOAN: Here.	[15]	make a recommitment to the membership, to the oath
[16]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: Okay. Brother		that you took as an officer, to the belief that you
[17]			accepted at the shop school. Whatever position you
[18]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Thank you, Bob.		hold or even if you don't hold a position, there's
[19]	Tim, would you get Ms. Tiawanna Jackson's		still a commitment to the membership. It's not about
[20]	report so we can get those out, please.		you now. There is a "U" in union. But it pertains to
[21]	Would you ask Brother Wayne White if he		you. We're all together. The "U" in union is
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[23]	Brother White.	[23]	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Unity.
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	congressman and his staff.		polls and vote. In my county, I believe May the 23rd,
[3]	Then there's the 14th District. They		we had an election in Bibb County, 67,000 registered
	realigned the districts two years ago, and that 14th		voters; and 22,000 only came out to the polls. Now,
	District has been unrepresented by a member of a		with vote by mail, you could sit at your dining room
	letter carrier. I've had to go up there, which is		table or sit at home, discuss the issues, simply vote
	fine. That's my responsibility. But a letter carrier		and mail it back in.
	that lives in the 14th District would have more pull	[8]	People find all kind of excuses as why not
	with that congressman than I will because a letter		to go to the polls; and we're trying to push the
	carrier in the 14th District will have the privilege		legislature here in the State of Georgia, which is an
	of voting for or against him. I can't vote for him or		uphill battle right now Oregon has it. California
	against him.		has it, Oklahoma. There are a few other states. But
[13]	So what I'm saying is is that we need to	[13]	at least we are trying to make some inroads.
[14]	stop the infighting, do what we've got to do against	[14]	Of course, we face an opposition with the
[15]	management, but think outside the box legislatively	[15]	Republican side of it. And, of course, anytime
[16]	because that's where our livelihood can be taken away	[16]	there's an opportunity to get more voters involved in
[17]	at the stroke of a pen. If we don't get more	[17]	the electoral process, they seem to push back. And I
[18]	legislatively and politically involved, we can get	[18]	guess they seem to push back because they think that
[19]	blind-sided.		the more people vote are going to vote Democratic.
[20]	I know this is not popular. It's not		That's not necessarily the case. What it does is is
	something you want to cheer about. But it's		get people to exercise their rights, to take advantage
	important. Yeah, I love to file grievances and I like		of what people have fought for. That's all we're
	to fight management. But it's more to it than that.		pushing for, to get people to understand that votes
[24]	So I encourage you and if you live in the		still count. Voting is important and especially to
[25]	2nd District, 7th District, the 9th District, or the	[25]	letter carriers.
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	veteran, NALC has taken the opportunity to at least		there that give veterans discounts and how to get
	recognize it.		proof of your veteran status.
[4]	BROTHER BARNER: Thank you,	[4]	A lot of people, if you're not retired or
	President Griggs. Good morning, everybody.		you don't have a VA disability, you may not have proof
[6]	AUDIENCE: Good morning.		of your veteran status. Georgia, for example, you can
[7]	BROTHER BARNER: Fred Rolando, our		go take your DD214 to the driver's license department
	national president, asked me to assist in putting		and they will print vet on your driver's license.
	together a program, started about last September		They'll certify the DD214 and print it.
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	military veterans. NALC has 275,000 members, and	[11]	dollar I've got in my pocket I want to get the biggest
	approximately a quarter of those are military		bang out of it I can. You know, there's companies out
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[14]	but not just thank you in words, build something that		discounts to veterans. There's restaurants that do.
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[17]	individual lives.	[17]	of like two circles?
[18]	So part of what we've done and the	[18]	AUDIENCE: Under Armour, Under Armour.
[19]	group is ongoing. It's going to grow as the	[19]	BROTHER BARNER: Under Armour, yes, sorry
[20]	membership grows and expand, and we don't know exactly	[20]	about that. I was going to say underwear; but
[21]	where it will grow. The members of the group will	[21]	sometimes I forget that, too.
[22]	determine that.	[22]	(Laughter.)
[23]	But where we're at right now is on the	[23]	BROTHER BARNER: But, you know, it is what
[24]	NALC website under the member section there's a	[24]	it is. But, you know, my point is we try to cover the
[25]	veterans page, and on that page each one of the	[25]	whole spectrum of what's out there and available; and
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	department heads at NALC headquarters contributes. We		that's what President Rolando has asked. So, again,
	have information dealing with contract, we have		he wants it to be a genuine thank you. It's not a
	information dealing with community services, we have		hollow just, you know, twice a year when the media
	information dealing with retirement and how those		says, hey, it's Veterans Day or Memorial Day, you need
	different areas and the different regulations that are		to thank a vet. Oh, thanks.
	out there, benefits, whatever, impact military	[6]	You know, he doesn't want that. He wants
	veterans specifically.		it to be something genuine, something meaningful, something from the heart that the members of this
[8]	We also in The Postal Record, which is the monthly magazine I'm sure all of y'all read from cover		organization can give to our veterans that have served
	to cover when you receive it each month, we have a		our country.
	veterans corner in the magazine; and we ask each one	[11]	So, if anyone is a veteran and has not
	of the department heads on a rotational basis to		joined, you can do it a number of ways. We have cards
	contribute to that. And the articles, again, they're		that we can send out to you. You can contact me at
	very similar to what we try to do in the website,		NALC headquarters, and I'll sign you up. If you have
	which is educate the members on contractual issues,		people on the workroom floor that you know are
	whether it be the Herbert Hoover presidential order		veterans, reach out to them and let them know about
	that mandates management allow veterans time off from		this and ask them to sign up if they want to. We
	work to go to VA appointments for service-related		don't want to pressure them. You know, it's a
	disabilities that is real useful, especially when		voluntary group. It doesn't cost you anything.
	you have CCAs that don't have sick leave and may not		They'll get a nice lapel pin.
		[21]	We're going to have a booth at the
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[22]	and those sort of things, that if they are going to a		national convention where we'll be signing people up.
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[23] [24]	and those sort of things, that if they are going to a VA appointment for a service-related disability, you	[22] [23]	national convention where we'll be signing people up. And I think maybe President Rolando is also going to

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[1]	your folks. Let's, you know, get them in the group.	[1]	I've already talked to some of them with regards to
	It's a good thing. And I appreciate your time and		their duties.
[3]		[3]	Now, the Audit Committee is composed of
[4]	(Applause.)		Ronnie Buie. He's from Macon, Georgia, chairperson.
[5]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Thank you, Paul. 1		Is Ronnie here? Okay. Here's Ronnie over here.
	thought there was a report for those that are here.		Eileen Ford from Roswell, please stand. And Timothy
[7]			Wright from Branch 73. Okay. These are the three
[8]	At this time we'll ask our state secretary		people that you'll be getting together with, and Carl
	to come up and introduce our committees, and then he		Hayes will be your check person on that. He will
	has some other things that we need to share with you		supply you and set up a time whenever you're going to
[11]			be doing your job, and it probably is not going to be
[12]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: Bob Johnson,		long down the road. I don't know. As soon as you can
	state secretary and Branch 4862 delegate. I'm going		get it to, I'll tell him. But check with Carl, if you
	to call out I know that there's a lot of committee		would.
	members that are from one part of the state and	[15]	Our parliamentarian is Rickey Henderson
	another one from another and you may not know each		from Marietta. Rickey, are you here? Okay.
	other; so you probably need to, you know, get a look	[17]	And also the sergeant-at-arms is Roderick
	at each other, check with your chairman, and get		Terrell from Columbus. There we go, straight in the
	together for your various functions. And I'll work		back. He's the man with the band. Yeah, he's the
	with you or Don or one of us will work with you to get		fence behind this whole organization.
	those functions completed, okay.	[21]	I've just been told I missed the Bylaws
[22]	The Credentials Committee is Denise		Committee. The Bylaws Committee is Bob Covino. Are
	Strong, Steve Lauderdale, and Rod Thomas. Most of you		you in here, Bob? Here we go. He's the chairperson
	saw them. They were the three that were on the desk		of the Bylaws Committee. And Andy Bryant, is Andy
	out here this morning, okay. So they all know each		here? Okay. Andy Bryant from Decatur. And also Pam
[23]	out here this morning, onay. Ob they all know each	[23]	nere: Okay. Andy bryant nom becalur. And also r am
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	coming, don't worry about it, and we'll be able to	[2]	The second most important thing we have
[3]			going now is contract negotiations. Our contract is
[4]	Any questions for anybody on any of this?		very important. It's not all we have. As Don spoke
	Any questions?		about earlier, we do need to improve our relationships
[6]	(No response.)		with one another in the branches. There's more
[7]	BROTHER ROBERT JOHNSON: Okay. That being		infighting in this union probably than ever before,
	the case, Brother Chairman.		and we've got to fix that. We've got to do something
[9]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Thank you, Bob.		about that. If we don't, we can tear ourselves apart;
[10]	As Bob was saying, the State is picking up		and management can sit back and watch us. That causes
	the tab for the meal ticket. So we're encouraging you		us to be delinquent on grievances, and the
	to come, and the reason for that is we have to give a		representation isn't what it should be if we're
	guaranteed number. And he said they are not cheap.		infighting. We're not focusing on the real battle,
	The meal, whether you believe it or not, is \$62 a		the protection on the workmen's floor. So we have to
	plate. Now, that's inclusive of service charge and		do a better job of that.
	tax and all. So you can't get anything cheap when you	[16]	Finally, the third thing is the
	come to these hotels. It's as simple as that. So we	[17]	legislative front. It doesn't matter what we do with
[18]	encourage you to take advantage it. If you live in	[18]	our contract. It doesn't matter how many people we
[19]	the area, I know we'll be through before the NBA	[19]	organize. If we don't have the right people in
[20]	championships start. So come on out and fellowship,	[20]	Washington, D.C., they can take away our jobs with the
[21]	and then you can watch it with a great meal	[21]	stroke of an ink pen. We've got the most important
[22]	beforehand.	[22]	election in many years coming up this year. It's
[23]	Please see Bob, I mean, because we have	[23]	important that everyone get out to vote, that you have
	had to give a committed number. The worst thing we		your family members vote, and that you vote for letter
[25]	could have done is undercommitted and people show up	[25]	carrier friendly candidates. We have a lot of issues
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[1]	and there's no food. So we encourage you to take		in our lives; but if you don't have a job, many of
	advantage it. It's your union dues. Take advantage		
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Page 67 Page 65 [1] get a new case but in that place. [1] they can get it from the plant to the office quicker The second purpose of this test is to [2] and hopefully get earlier start time. That's what the [2] [3] reduce the cost of our arbitration. Anytime we [3] test is about. We hope that's successful because [4] arbitrate a case, we spend between 3,000 and 5,000 [4] everybody wants an earlier start time. [5] dollars jointly between the Postal Service and the There's a test called service performance [5] [6] NALC for an arbitrator. That's quite expensive for [6] measurement, SPM program. This tests the feasibility [7] every single case. So if we can resolve those cases [7] of replacing the external first-class measurement [8] together, jointly, that's more money in the pockets of [8] system. That's where you have those zero bundles [9] the Postal Service and in the pockets of the NALC. [9] where you just drop these bundles in the collection And, finally, they want to reduce the [10] boxes. And then when the carrier misses, somebody [10] [11] backlog of cases. In this region I had over 285 cases [11] gets written up. You know about that, right. [12] just in the cap metro area on Article 8 where [12] But they want to replace that with the [13] Management had decided they were not going to pay [13] scanners. They're now using scanners to scan bundles [14] repetitive violations of Article 8.C, 285 cases on one [14] of mail; and you have a better chance of being more [15] subject. And what happens when you have a backlog [15] accurate with that scanner, which is better. [16] like that, that means you can't get any other case [16] Hopefully we'll have a success with that and less [17] arbitrated because those cases come in the order that [17] discipline that derives from it. That's being tested [18] they are received. So all we would arbitrate was [18] as well. [19] Article 8 repetitive violation cases, no other Some other news going on around the [19] [20] contract cases. [20] nation, there's a planned revision of the Postal [21] I did get with Management, and we did [21] Operations Manual. The plan revision concerns [22] settle those cases for over \$60,000, most of it right [22] delivery of mail with multiple-story buildings. Now [23] here in Atlanta District. So we got those cases gone. [23] letter carriers will be required to deliver mail on up [24] Now we can move more cases. [24] to three floors in a building even if they don't have [25] an elevator. If you can't deliver the mail, then, of (Applause.) [25] Page 66 Page 68 BROTHER GIBBS: There's a test on [1] [1] course, you have to leave the 3849. In the past we [2] delivering mail pieces that did not contain addresses. [2] would not go past the first floor. But now we're [3] Everybody is trying to find a cheaper way to deliver [3] going to be able or required to go up to three [4] mail. Now they want to deliver it without mailing [4] stories. [5] addresses. We'll see how that works. The MPD scanner is being updated. They [5] [6] There's a test on carrying two letter [6] update the scanner just about every month, it seems [7] carriers in one vehicle. You know, we've got vehicles [7] like. They change one thing or another. But some of [8] that are 30 years old, and they're in bad repair. [8] the things that you probably already experienced this [9] They're trying now to try to put two carriers -- I [9] is Amber Alerts. It will tell you bad weather. Dog [10] hope they get along. If they don't get along, that's [10] alarms now, if you're in an area where there's a bad [11] going to be a problem. What they're designed to do is [11] dog, the scanner will alert you. The scanner will [12] have one carrier work this side, the other carrier [12] alert you when there's a tornado or hurricane in the [13] work that side. I don't know who gets to drive. I [13] area, which we already know about hurricanes from the [14] guess they'll take turns. But that is a test that's [14] weather, the news reports. But tornados are [15] ongoing. [15] surprises. They come up unexpectedly, and the scanner There's a test to use two midsize [16] will be able to notify you to take cover. It also [16] [17] right-hand Metris vehicles. These vehicles are being [17] will now be able to notify you when the heat index is [18] tested in Maryland, and they're by Mercedes-Benz. So [18] at a dangerous level. The scanner pretty much is your [19] if you see a letter carrier delivering mail out of a [19] supervisor now. [20] Mercedes, that's what that's all about. Upscale [20] There is a test being done not with the [21] carriers we call them. [21] Postal Service, but it certainly could affect the There's a test for highway contract [22] Postal Service, and that's Walmart. You know, we talk [22] [23] optimization. This doesn't affect letter carriers [23] about Amazon and the delivery of groceries test that's [24] being done. Well, Walmart is doing a test of their [24] directly; but what they're doing, they're trying to [25] figure out a better way to get the mail transported so [25] own. They're using Uber to deliver groceries now.

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Page 71 Page 69 [1] Amazon has also started using Uber. See, that affects [1] questions and answers. So you can get almost anything [2] us because that's taking business away from us. They [2] you need to know about CCA in that document. That's [3] just started that recently. But they will pay up to [3] M-01870. You can go on the NALC web page to retrieve [4] 18 to 25 dollars an hour plus tips, which will also [4] that document. [5] take away some of the workforce that we have because The next one, M-01871 is driving [5] [6] our CCAs don't make as much as these Uber drivers plus [6] qualifications for city carrier craft must be met [7] tips. So we've got to keep our eyes on that. That is [7] prior to excessing an employee from a different craft a serious threat to our livelihood. [8] into the letter carrier craft. What that means, [8] [9] PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Did you have a question [9] they're going to excess clerks or mail handlers [10] entering the city carrier craft, they must meet the [10] about that? Go to the microphone. BROTHER CADIEN: Beau Cadien, Branch 546. [11] driving requirements first. In the past they were [11] Do the Uber drivers have to provide their own vehicle? [12] excessing clerks into our craft; and they couldn't [12] BROTHER GIBBS: Yes, they do. They do [13] pass the driver exam, which left them in a bad [13] [14] provide their own vehicles. But that takes away the [14] predicament because they could not do the job without parcel business that we've been thriving on, so we [15] meeting the driving qualifications. So at least this [15] [16] have to really keep our eyes on that. And I'll tell [16] protects these employees from being excessed and they [17] can't drive. [17] you, the letter carriers' accuracy rate in delivering parcels is over 99 percent. It's absolutely The next one, M-01872, the Postal Service [18] [18] [19] outstanding. So we all can give ourselves a hand. [19] upon request will provide a bicycle helmet. Carriers (Applause.) [20] will not be required to wear the helmets unless it's [20] **BROTHER GIBBS:** You know, they take a risk [21] required by law. Now, I don't know of any bicycle [21] [22] when they give mail to these people who have not been [22] routes in Georgia, but we do have some in Florida and [23] vetted or tested because those people don't have the [23] other places where they drive bicycles to a park and [24] loop, and they use the bicycle even for dismounts. [24] same security rules we have. But they are a threat to [25] Now they will be provided a helmet if they choose to [25] our security as far as the job goes. Page 70 Page 72 This year we will not get a 2017 COLA. [1] wear one. [1] [2] This was our seventh and final COLA. But because the M-01873, this is an agreement to close an [2] [3] cost of living did not rise substantially, we do not [3] interpretive case about bidding rights during a [4] get a COLA. The retirees were to get 0.1 percent [4] caser-streeter program. Now, the caser-streeter [5] Civil Service and FERS COLA in 2016. That's the [5] program was a program where the Postal Service [6] extent of the COLA, 0.1 percent. That's half a penny. [6] designed routes that were all delivery and then some There's some news about passports. If you [7] that were all casers. You had casers eight hours a [7] [8] recall, in 2006 and 2007 the laws changed about [8] day. I don't know who would want to be in there all [9] traveling to Canada and to the Caribbean and the [9] day being a caser for eight hours. But those routes [10] Virgin Islands. Now you have to have a passport. So [10] went up for bid, and they violated the bidding [11] in 2006 and 2007 millions of people got passports, and [11] procedures. We decided to close that case. We don't [12] those are going to expire this year. So if you're [12] have the caser-streeter program anymore. [13] planning a trip, make sure you get your passports M-01784, NALC has a 31-day moratorium on [13] [14] early. They expect a big surge in the amount of [14] grievances for our 70th Biennial Convention. So from [15] people that are going to get passports this year. [15] August 7th through September 6th, we have an I want to tell you about some interpretive [16] [16] extension, a moratorium on grievances, which means you [17] settlements. Interpretive settlements become a part [17] won't have any time limit problems. If you can move [18] of our contract. They're an agreement between the [18] your grievances in that time, that's fine. You don't [19] national president or designee and the Postmaster [19] want to let them pile up if you don't have to. But if [20] General or designee, and we designate them the M [20] you can't get to your grievances for whatever reason [21] number. That "M" is how we catalog them in the MRS, [21] at any level, there's an agreement that no timeliness [22] which you can get online. [22] issues will happen. Now, if you do get a grievance The first one is M-01870. This was done [23] held, make sure you know after September 6th you've [23] [24] in March '16, and it concerns CCAs and other [24] got to have that meeting, that informal or formal [25] contractual issues. It's an update of the CCA [25] meeting, or get to Step B, whatever step you are at.

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[1]	M-01875, this is revised PS Form 8190,	[1]	to regular won't have to serve a probationary period
	which is the joint grievance form. This replaces the		if they serve a cumulative of 360 days prior to being
	June 2013 version. If you do use the June 2013		converted. So that's important.
	version, there won't be a procedural error called	[4]	What we found, that management uses CCAs
	about it; but you need to use the new form. The only		who has served a probation and then they make regular,
	difference between the new form and the previous form		that they fire them because they don't like them, so
	is the instructions that tell the Informal A they must		they make that new probation. So this protects those
	attach all the documents discussed at Informal A with		CCAs from having to go through a second probation.
[9]	the 8190 when you appeal it to Formal A. You must	[9]	01878 signed overtime list, this
	attach all documents that you use at informal with the		memorandum allows the branch president and postmaster
	Formal A appeal.		to come up with a program where CCAs who are newly
[12]	We have three memorandums that were		converted can sign the overtime-desired list without
[13]	extended until the 2016 national agreement is reached.	[13]	waiting until the end of the quarter when that
[14]	That's M-01876, 01877, 01878. And I'll talk about	[14]	two-week posting is done or transfers from another
[15]	each one of those.	[15]	installation can also sign the overtime-desired list
[16]	01876 replaces the Memorandum 1854. That	[16]	without waiting until that two-week period.
[17]	memorandum is about opportunities to convert CCAs to	[17]	Today a new memorandum came out, M-01879.
[18]	regular. We've converted over 30,000 CCAs to regular	[18]	This is updating the standard training program for
[19]	in the nation in just two years. That's quite good.	[19]	city carriers. This was about the city carrier
[20]	(Applause.)		training academies. And we do have some city carrier
[21]	BROTHER GIBBS: And we have less than 600		training academy members here who I have just
	PTFs left in the nation. So that's quite a feat. And		designated to train the trainers. Bob Covino of Gulf
	most of the PTFs that are left are the ones who are		Atlantic. Is Bob here? Bob, stand up if you're here.
	the smaller cities where they don't want to move. And		Bob will be going to do the training to train the
[25]	we're not forcing anybody to move. We do have a goal	[25]	trainers for the Gulf Atlantic. And Cathy
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	to reach full-time maximization of PTFs to regular by		Staples-Hampton from the Atlanta District, is she
	the end of the contract. The contract has already		here? She will be the trainer for the trainers. What
	expired but extended. But we're not going to reach		they will do, they'll train the other trainers on how
	that goal, and that's okay. Those PTFs who want to		to train the city carrier assistants.
	remain, we're going to figure out another way to	[5]	This updated training program is going to
	convert them. And there's committees that are working		be different. The academy will be established in
	on that. But this Memorandum 1854 has been replaced with 1876.		every district in the United States. The course must
			be completed, not be optional. In the past sometimes postal management would put CCAs through without
[9]	There's one difference, though, in the memorandums. You have a memorandum that says one out		training. Now they must complete this training; and
	of four or one out of six conversions have to be a		if they don't complete the training, there's an
	transfer. In the past transfers was PTFs, city PTFs		alternate dispute resolution process. So you don't
	and regular PTFs counted in that memorandum for the		have to file a grievance. You will file a protest,
			and the protest will be sent to the NBA or the area
	ratio A redular carrier is not PLF but redular		
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[5] [6]		[5] [6]	stressed based on what the union did for her, the steward came and helped her out and took some mail off of her. So at this time I just want to say if
	92 percent, which is very good when you consider that most of the United States is right-to-work. But	[8]	anybody if your branch is having problems or something, we might can do something to help. If
[10]	86.2 percent is what we're facing if we don't do better.	[10]	there's anything that we can do to help with you recruiting CCAs, getting them to become union members,
[12]	Right here in Region 9 we're at 84.7 percent organized with the CCAs. So we're a bit	[12]	let us know. You can contact my branch president, Eric Sloan. You can contact me, Regal Phillips. You
[14]	below the national average. And if your branch isn't doing actively everything you can get to get	[14]	can contact Eileen or Kenny Gibbs. We're going to get the job done. We're going to do something. Like the
[16]	these CCAs signed up, I'll assist you in any manner possible.	[16]	guy said earlier, do something. I want to do something. Peace.
[18]	I send out a letter to every CCA that does not join the union, and I invite them to join. I send	[18] [19]	(Applause.) BROTHER GIBBS: Thank you. In fact, in
[20]	them the 1187. I send a letter to the presidents telling them the names of the CCAs who did not join	[20]	Atlanta, you are 94.1 percent organized CCA. That's higher than the national average, so you are doing a
[22]	the union, and I ask the presidents to follow up. That's as much as I can do without you telling me more		great job here in Atlanta. (Applause.)
[24]	of what you need to make sure we get these people signed up.	[24]	BROTHER GIBBS: What you've got to remember is those one or two who do get by when they
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[1]	casual. How many other casuals? Yeah. I was lucky.	[1]	I'm going to tell you a little bit about
	I got two 90-day appointments. I was hired as a		kind of how we do it just to kind of explain how it
	Christmas casual and stayed for two 90 days. And then		all happens. You know, we have the whole opening
	right then was when they made the category of TE and		ceremony that we had. I think that was back in
	started hiring TEs, so I became a TE. How many here?		February that we actually had that; and the relations
	There you go. And then I was fortunate, got to take		were already better at that point because, of course,
	the test and became a PTF about '94 is when I finally		the last time we were going to negotiate a contract
	made PTF. So I know I'm not alone. So that's a		we had the lovely Mr. Donahoe as the Postmaster. So
	strange path to follow, but there's always people in		you can imagine how exciting it was to deal with, the
[10]			man I like to call Dug a Hole because that's what he
[11]	And just some history on some of the		did. He dug a hole for the Postal Service, and now
	things I've done, just in case you wonder, I used to		we're trying to climb out of it, right. So, you know,
[13]			the atmosphere was certainly better even from the
	of my branch. So a shout out to all the secretaries		opening.
	out there that are with the branches. I was a	[15]	And the way that we approach doing it is
	steward. I was a state president in Nebraska for a		we actually have committees that meet back and forth
	while. And then I got asked to become an RAA and did		with the Postal Service. And all the national
	that in Region 5, which is Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and		officers have committees that they deal with, and
	Missouri. So I did that before I came to headquarters		those committees basically cover all the articles of
	and became your assistant secretary-treasurer, and now		our national agreement. So we'll go in and maybe have
	I'm your secretary-treasurer.		a meeting over this article or this article. But we
[22]	So that's a little history of the path		are constantly meeting. You know, we meet back and
	that I came through for those of you that don't know		forth. And then, of course, we also have I don't
	me. So now you do.		want to forget. The officers do that. We have those
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Page 91 Page 89 [1] national agreement. You know, Kenny got up this [1] little later. So we thought it was really important [2] morning and talked about all those "M" numbers. Those [2] that, you know, we start that conversation and try to [3] are things that we are constantly doing all the time. [3] talk to the Postal Service about growing the business, [4] We're always trying to solve problems and sign memos [4] that we thought that was a responsibility we needed to [5] and interpretive issues and all kinds of stuff. So [5] address. [6] the contract is something that really is constantly [6] And the other thing that has made one of [7] being worked on. It just intensifies a little more [7] our manuals, too, and that's the workplace climate. [8] when the national agreement is getting ready to [8] We've spoken to the Postal Service about needing to [9] expire. [9] address it. And we've even talked to them about, you So, again, we're still in talks with them. [10] know, whether or not we get a national agreement [10] [11] We've had meetings with them. We had meetings this [11] negotiated. That is an issue that we want to continue [12] week with them. So we're continuing to do that. [12] to address. [13] Although I can't tell you what we've been talking So those are kind of the top six things [13] [14] about -- and that's usually one of the questions we [14] that we went into the negotiations on our list. So, [15] get, too, can you tell us what you're talking about. [15] again, we're still talking. As everybody has asked, [16] No, sorry, can't do that. So we're not going to [16] how much longer. Good question. I say, you know, as [17] broadcast our strategy. We're not going to tell you [17] long as we're talking, that's great and we'll see [18] specifics. But I can tell you in general some things [18] where it goes. [19] that we are interested in; and I know that it's been, Now, like I said before, just because [19] [20] you know, broadcast. It's actually on our website. [20] you're talking, you never know how it's going to go. [21] But certainly when we go into [21] We may still have to go through a mediation [22] negotiations, there's some goals that we have in mind. [22] arbitration process. And I always like to tell [23] And they are, you know, to continue not being able to [23] everybody when we're out, even though we're talking, [24] subcontract out; and we are working to protect that [24] we're already preparing for arbitration. We do that [25] issue. Subcontracting was actually the line in the [25] all the time because you should, right, because you Page 90 Page 92 [1] sand that was drawn last time we tried to get a [1] never know what's going to happen with talks. So [2] national agreement negotiated. At that time the [2] we've been preparing if we have to go to that route [3] Postal Service said that we're not going to agree to [3] all along and, as you know, we're very good at that. [4] an agreement that doesn't allow us to contract out [4] So we're prepared for no matter which direction we end [5] your work; and we said, well, we're not going to agree [5] up taking. So that's the short update on the [6] to one unless it says that you can't. So that was [6] collective bargaining agreement. [7] kind of the line in the sand that was drawn the last Okay. The next thing that I just want to [7] [8] time, and we had to go to arbitration. So we're [8] talk about briefly is the upcoming national [9] definitely focused on making sure that we keep the no [9] convention, right. We've got a lot of things going on [10] subcontracting part of the contract. [10] this year. We've got collective bargaining we're in [11] the middle of. We're getting ready for a convention. [11]We want to maintain COLAs for everybody. [12] You'll know the theme in my talk about all the things [12] We want wage increases to reward letter carriers for [13] that we've got going on this year; and, of course, the [13] the hard work that you do every day; and we definitely [14] national convention is one of them. I'm looking [14] want to close the gap between the career and the [15] noncareer and dealing with the CCAs when we talk about [15] forward to it. This will be my first as [16] benefits, wages, and all that kind of stuff. [16] secretary-treasurer. Luckily, we have lots of [17] So those are some of the main goals that [17] wonderful people at headquarters and the staff folks [18] we have. And also we've been focusing on making sure [18] that help put that together because, obviously, it's a [19] that we're having conversations about growing the [19] huge job. [20] business with the Postal Service because that's really [20] I'm looking forward to go to LA. The last [21] important. And I know that that's something we've [21] time we had a convention in Los Angeles, 1941; so it's [22] talked about. So that's something that we definitely [22] been a while since we've been to Los Angeles. Anaheim [23] had as a goal going in was to make sure that we're [23] doesn't count, not the same city. We were in Anaheim, [24] addressing that because, as you know, we have no board [24] what, in 2010? I think so. But the last time we were [25] in LA was 1941. So I know the host branch is really [25] of governors right now. I will talk about that a

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[1]	looking forward to it. I think you're going to love	[1]	all of our hotels. And there's the LA Live area.
	LA, of course.		There's lots of restaurants. There's lots of bars.
[3]	So I'll just take a few minutes to tell		The weather is beautiful. So I'm looking forward to
	you about a couple of changes that you need to be		it. I think everybody is going to have a good time.
	aware about that we're doing at the convention, and I	[5]	Luckily, you know, we've got through
	thought I'd just tell you a little bit about the LA		hopefully the hotel problem. If anybody is waiting,
	area. If you haven't seen already I hope you		we've added two new motels in the last couple of
	have a change that we're going to do at this year's		weeks; so that whole issue should be taken care of
[9]	convention is we're going to have every delegate	[9]	even though how many people went to the COP? Did
[10]	register themselves. That will be a change that will	[10]	anybody in here go to the COP? Okay. And did you
[11]	happen. Before we allowed like a branch member to go	[11]	hear President Rolando had a hard time I had no
[12]	up and register everyone. This time you've got to go	[12]	idea he was doing this. You know your national
[13]	register yourself.	[13]	president can be a practical joker at times, right.
[14]	We kind of talked about this the last		He's got like kind of a sense of humor. So we had the
	couple of conventions, about trying to figure out ways		Philadelphia delegation up to D.C. for a lobby visit;
	to do things; and we're hoping this will give us an		and so there was this whole, you know, group of folks
	actual better count of how many delegates are there.		from Philadelphia and Pennsylvania in the building for
	You know, so that will be something that's different.		a rap session with the national officers.
[19]	We're actually implementing I'm going	[19]	And, you know, President Rolando is going
	to knock on all kinds of wood. We're actually		through some of this. He gets to the convention and
	implementing a scanning this time so when you go up, there will be scanning of your delegate card. So that		he starts talking about the hotel. He's like, now, don't worry, there's plenty of beautiful parks in LA
	will be new, too. So just keep that in mind if you're		that have these great park benches and we've reserved
	a delegate. You've got to register yourself, so make		those spaces for you. And it never rains in
	sure that you go to the registration area and have all		California, so it's not going to be a problem.
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	convention. It's hard to believe we've had that many,		staff that follow up and call these campaigns and say	
	but here we are, right. And it will be here before		did you get it, you know, that's the first thing, and	
	you know it.		try to verify that. And then if we haven't heard	
[8]	Oh, five bucks for somebody. Five bucks.		back, we call them back and say, okay, you know, I	
[9]	(Laughter.)		just want to remind you that we're asking you to fill	
[10]	SISTER RHINE: Everybody forgot when they		this out and kind of tell them how important it is to	
[11]	came back from lunch to turn their phones off. Man, I		us. And we do all that. It's not like we just mail	
[12]	don't know who's collecting. Chuck, over there.	[12]	it out and forget it. We actually follow up with all	
[13]	So everybody has pulled out their phones	[13]	these candidates.	
[14]	now. You shut them off, yeah.	[14]	So out of those 22 candidates that were	
[15]	So, yes, so national convention, I'm		running for office, only three of them sent our	
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	and a lot to do. I'm looking forward to it. It will		Democratic Party. And all of that information was	
	be here before you know it, won't it.		actually printed in The Postal Record. I can't	
[20]	All right. So the third thing that I had		remember which one, but it's been a while back. We	
	on my list of things, you know, that make this a busy		put that whole thing in there. You could see the	
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Page 103 Page 101 [1] obviously, O'Malley isn't in the race anymore. So [1] of course, it catches my eye, right, Trump's trail of [2] unpaid bills. You know, because I get asked a lot of [2] between Hillary and Bernie, we decided to wait and see [3] times -- I do. I get asked when I'm out what do you [3] what happened in the time coming up; and then when a [4] clear winner emerged, we would get behind that person. [4] think about, you know, Donald Trump. And I said I So it was important on a couple of levels. [5] have my opinion; but, you know, you can talk to me [5] [6] Number one, like I said before, both of them have been [6] about it later. But people say, well, how did you [7] very good friends of letter carriers. Both of them [7] feel about, you know, us as labor; and I always say, [8] are honorary members of the NALC. We did that at [8] well, you should look at the record, right. And right [9] national convention. Both of them have championed [9] in the newspaper -- this will help you decide -- Trump [10] companies have been cited for 24 violations of Fair [10] different legislation and have taken up causes for [11] letter carriers. So, you know, in my mind, you know, [11] Labor Standards Act since 2005 for failing to pay [12] you couldn't lose either way with either one of them. [12] overtime or minimum wage according to the Department [13] of Labor. So how do you think he feels about you? [13] And the other thing was, we wanted to make sure that [14] we kept all of our members engaged because we [14] Just putting that out there, right. [15] certainly had part of our membership that was behind So, again, we've got an important -- we [15] [16] really do. We have an important election coming up, [16] Bernie and part of our membership was behind Hillary, [17] right; and there was no point in dividing our [17] so I hope that everybody here will get involved and we membership over this. [18] can move forward and do something that's good for all [18] So we decided to wait, and actually there [19] of us, right. [19] [20] were other unions that followed suit and decided to Okay. So collective bargaining, [20] [21] wait until a clear winner came up. Now, obviously, [21] convention, election. Let me talk a little bit about [22] that has happened, right. Hillary Clinton is the [22] legislatively, too, because even though we've got the [23] presumptive nominee. And if you haven't seen it, the [23] election process and all that focuses on that, we [24] executive board actually wrote this week to endorse [24] still have a lot of work to do legislatively, right. [25] Hillary Clinton. It is on the website, and there's a [25] So I was going to try to give you an update on kind of Page 102 Page 104 [1] statement from us saying that. [1] a little bit on the history and where we are today and [2] what we're working on and some of the things that we [2] (Applause.) SISTER RHINE: We're asking, of course --[3] are trying to do and maybe some a little explanation [3] [4] of where that came from. I know we've been talking [4] you know, we will be going around talking and asking [5] everybody now that that decision has been made that we [5] about this a lot. So, you know, I apologize if you [6] get together and we work really hard to make sure that [6] just heard this from your national president; but I [7] she's the next president of the United States. I hope think it's important that I say it again because [7] [8] you all will join that. [8] there's probably folks in the room that haven't heard [9] Now, I do like to say this where I go [9] it, right. [10] around places and I usually see some nodding heads and So legislatively, oh my gosh, we've been, [10] [11] I get it; but I want to talk a little bit beyond that, [11] you know, working for guite a while trying to get [12] too. You know, how you vote is a personal choice. I legislation passed that can fix everything that [12] [13] get that. That's your right. I understand that. [13] happened when, you know, in 2006 we had the Postal [14] People vote for different things. But when I stand up [14] Accountability Enhancement Act passed; and that law, [15] here as your national secretary-treasurer, my job is [15] the bill required us to prefund the retiree healthcare [16] to tell you who is the best candidate for you as a [16] benefit, right. I hope everybody has at least heard [17] letter carrier. And that's my responsibility. What [17] of that because that's been going on for a while, [18] you do with that information, that's for you to do. [18] right. And, of course, that law required us to [19] But I can tell you right now that what's best for you [19] prefund all of that money. Ten years' time, it was [20] as a letter carrier, what's best for the company that [20] about five and a half billion dollars a year. [21] you work for, what's best for you as a retiree is to Now, over the course of time, of course, [21] [22] get behind Hillary Clinton as president of the [22] with the recession and everything that went on, lots [23] United States and not the other candidate. [23] of members of Congress were not our friends, have used Actually, did anybody see this this [24] that to try and be the catalyst to do other things [24] [25] morning? So I'm walking down here this morning; and, [25] that they would like to do. You heard Charles Clark,

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[1]	you know, this morning talk about, you know, all the	[1]	defense. We tried some offensive things. The problem
[2]	attacks on labor. Well, we certainly weren't immune	[2]	was, and you probably know this, at one point not even
[3]	from that, right. There were all kinds of bills that	[3]	all the unions in the Postal Service were in agreement
[4]	were brought forward, you know, let's fix the Postal	[4]	on what the heck we needed to do to fix the problem,
[5]	Service, let's kill the collective bargaining	[5]	right. All of the four national unions were going in,
	agreement, you know, let's make it to where oh, I	[6]	you know, and saying different things.
	turned the lights out. It's time to go.	[7]	
[8]	(Laughter.)		all the unions got on the same page; and we did that.
[9]	SISTER RHINE: Is that so half of the room		It's been a little while since we did that, but we got
	can nap and the other half can listen? We can		the coalition started. And we started with the other
	alternate back and forth. Maybe just lean on the wall		unions in the Postal Service; so the APWU, the rural
	a little bit too hard.		carriers, the mail handlers, and ourselves signed this, you know, coalition and said that we would be
[13]	So, I mean, you know, the six-day and all of the things that came about that and all of the		one force going in and dealing with this issue.
	craziness, you know, I mean, there was a bill that	[15]	
	they were trying to pay for the highways by cutting a		really did. We had this coalition for a while; but
	day of delivery. Remember all those crazy things that		even members of Congress have noticed when all four of
	came forward. And there was even a proposal to drop		the union presidents walk in the room that they can't,
	the rider that requires that we deliver six days a		you know, pick and choose, and say, well, I can do
	week.		this because, you know, they may not like it, but they
[21]	So there's been some really crazy stuff	[21]	do. So there was a whole, you know, I had an excuse
[22]	that has happened ever since basically, you know,	[22]	to do what I was doing, right, because I was at least
	Donahoe started screaming from the hilltops of all		helping one of the unions in the Postal Service. They
	these things we needed to do. And it didn't help that		can't do that anymore. So that was very important.
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Page 109 Page 111 [1] that will fix the problem. It's very narrow. It's [1] it's that payment, right. [2] only got a few things in it. You know, we're talking When it comes to delivering the mail, the [2] [3] about the prefunding part and dealing with the rates [3] Postal Service is making a profit and has been for [4] and, you know, some other things that maybe we could [4] several quarters. So it's the prefunding that we've [5] do. I know they've been talking about mailing beer [5] got to address, right. [6] and wine and stuff like that for a while. So, you [6] So how do you deal with that liability? [7] know, there's just this core group of things that [7] So the Medicare integration was the proposal that we [8] we've got that we can keep together that we can agree [8] have put forward. And there's some misconceptions on [9] on to try and get legislation moving so that we can [9] how that would work. There's a misconception out [10] try and get something done. And the idea with doing [10] there that if we do that we're going to be pulled out [11] this is to fix the whole issue with the prefunding of [11] of FEHB, which is the Federal Employees Health Benefit [12] the retiree health benefit that we have going on. [12] Plan. That is not true. That was something that Now, I think it's important to understand [13] Donahoe was talking about doing; but, no, that has [13] [14] that even though -- and I'll talk a little bit more [14] nothing to with this. We need to stay with FEHB, [15] about this later. It's important to understand that [15] right. [16] even though we don't have the Darrell Issas of the And basically how it would work is we [16] [17] world screaming and yelling -- yeah, I love it. [17] would like to take advantage of the Medicare basically [18] Darrell Issa, boo, everybody knows who he is. You [18] paying for the liability that we have, right, for this [19] know, he would scream and shout; and he was, of [19] fund. We are the second -- when I say "we," the [20] course, one of the biggest proponents of, you know, [20] Postal Service is the second largest contributor to [21] kill everything, collective bargaining, you know, five [21] Medicare. But there's some things that we don't get [22] day, four day, whatever the heck it is. And he's not [22] from it, and I'll get into that already. And we [23] there anymore, right. And so this kind of screaming [23] already have -- when you're eligible to sign up for [24] it, we already have 85 percent of our members that are [24] and yelling really doesn't happen. But just because [25] in Medicare Part A and Part B. And Part B is the one [25] nobody is screaming and yelling from D.C. doesn't mean Page 110 Page 112 [1] that you have to pay the extra for, right; and that's [1] the issue hasn't gone away. We have to come up with a [2] solution to the problem, right; and I hope everybody [2] what we're talking about, the integration, okay. [3] understands that. [3] So if we were to do this bill and So let me first go through a part of the [4] integrate everybody -- and I'll get to some of the [4] [5] solution that we had offered. I know there's been a [5] other part of it in a minute -- there's a couple of [6] lot of questions about it. There may not be any more [6] things that that would do. First of all, it would because we've talked about it so much. But just in [7] allow us to negotiate for discounted prescription drug [7] [8] case, I want you to hopefully understand it. [8] rates, because right now we don't have the ability to One of the parts of the legislation deals [9] do that. You can't do that, okay. And if you do [9] [10] with the Medicare integration. And just to give you a [10] that, of course, that would benefit everybody, right, [11] backdrop, remember we've got to pay the prefunding. [11] lower prescription rates. So that would be part of [12] right. And at one point, you know, we thought it was [12] it. We'd be allowed to negotiate for that. [13] about \$85 billion. Basically it's about \$100 billion [13] And even though we would be allowed to [14] liability. And right now the Postal Service, even [14] negotiate for a lower prescription drug rate, it [15] through all this, all these things that have happened, [15] doesn't mean that you would be required to be enrolled [16] you know, with the recession and everything, has [16] in Part D. That's another misconception. It's like, [17] actually already put away \$50 billion. So there's [17] okay, we hear about this prescription drug thing. [18] \$50 billion sitting in that account already, right. [18] That means I'm going to have to get in D. That's not So the idea is how do you get it to where [19] the case. Us as a group would be able to negotiate [19] [20] that liability is gone, right? You've got to come up [20] for that. Whether you want Part D or not is up to [21] with a solution to make that happen. Otherwise, [21] you, right. [22] what's the headline always going to be? The Postal Okay. So, again, I said we're the second [22] [23] Service is broke, right, because when they talk about [23] largest. Eighty-five percent of our folks already are [24] the money, they take that into consideration and say, [24] in it. We'd be able to negotiate for lower [25] well, the Postal Service isn't making money. Well, [25] prescription drug rates. Of course, if we had more

Page 115 Page 113 [1] people in it, that would be lower for everybody, [1] is part of the bill, all right. So I wanted to talk [2] right. If you figure that out, lower prescription, [2] to you a little bit about that. [3] lower rates for everybody. Everybody's premiums will [3] So, again, we're trying to come up with a [4] go down. [4] solution to the problem. And like I said, even though The issue is, of course, we've got the [5] you don't hear this screaming, as long as that [5] [6] 15 percent or somewhere around there that for whatever [6] liability is there, as long as we continue to owe [7] reason didn't sign up for it when they were eligible. [7] money, as long as somebody can get up at a microphone [8] It may be -- I don't know. It may be at that point [8] or go to the press and say, you know, they lost money, [9] that if a person didn't think that they needed it and [9] right, because that's what they talk about, the issue [10] maybe they wished they had now, but if you try to get [10] doesn't go away. And when that issue is there, the [11] back into it, what happens, right, there's a huge [11] people that aren't our friends are going to use it to penalty, right. That's a big penalty. [12] do what, to try and take away your collective [12] [13] bargaining rights, to try and take away your pay, to With this legislation the way we proposed [13] [14] it, if you're in that group and you're going to go --[14] try and take away your retirement, to cut services. [15] like I said, we're going to integrate into Medicare [15] That issue is still going to be there. [16] Part B. The penalty would be waived, so all that time That's why we need to come up with a [16] [17] that you were worried about the penalty is gone. You [17] solution to the problem, and I hope everybody [18] would just start paying like everybody else and you [18] understands that. And if you've got members back in [19] get the benefits of Part B, which pays for basically [19] your branch that are asking about some of this stuff, [20] please inform them. You know, they need to know [20] everything, you know, all of your costs. So there [21] would be -- you would waive that. So if you're in [21] what's going on and what we're trying to do and the [22] that group thinking, oh, man, I'm going to have to do [22] need to address that issue in Washington, D.C., [23] this and now I'm going to have to pay a big penalty. [23] because it's not just going to go guietly away, right. [24] the way we have proposed it, you wouldn't, okay. [24] It's still there, okay. Then there's also going to be a hardship All right. So some other things -- still [25] [25] Page 114 Page 116 [1] exception because certainly maybe we have members that [1] with me? The lights haven't turned off. That's good, [2] live overseas and there's no services that they could [2] right. It's about time for this side, right. They [3] even use, so there's going to be a hardship exemption [3] need a little break over here. Lasagna. That was a [4] great joke, wasn't it? Now every time somebody says [4] for somebody that's like it makes no sense for me to [5] do this because I can't get any benefit from doing [5] pardon me, I'm going to say lasagna. That was great. [6] that. Okay. Some other things that I just want [6] If we do all of that and integrate and get [7] to put on your radar, some things that are going on, [7] [8] the lower prescription and have the lower premiums for [8] of course, is some other crazy stuff that is going on [9] everybody, our 50 -- remember, I said that we owe [9] in Washington, D.C. while all this is going on, oh my [10] 100 billion. We already have 50 billion in the bank. [10] gosh, the board of governors, the PRC, the OIG. We've [11] If we do all that, our liability to pay off that [11] got a lot of things going on. [12] amount goes to -- it will save us \$50 billion. I Before I get to that, though, you know how [12] [13] guess that's the way I should say it. We've got 50 [13] I mentioned Issa earlier and now he's not there [14] in. We owe 100. It's going to save \$50 billion. So [14] screaming anymore, you need to know a little bit about [15] if you can do the math, that makes our liability zero, [15] the folks that are the charge of the committees now. [16] right, fully funded for that, for the prefunding. So [16] So on the Senate committee, we have Senator Johnson. [17] that's why this is -- you know, we came up with a [17] If I'm not mistaken -- this is terrible. I think he's [18] solution. We can do all of this and all the sudden [18] from Minnesota or Wisconsin, somewhere up there. But [19] our debt is paid off and we can move on and go on to [19] even though he's not screaming and yelling from the [20] other things. [20] rooftops, he has been -- he's publicly said and it was [21] after we printed -- I don't know how long ago. He So that's why we offered that. I hope [21] [22] that explains a little bit of it. If anybody has any [22] actually was asked at one point what the Post Office [23] more questions afterwards, please, you know, come and [23] should do to fix their problems, and his answer was [24] ask me. If I don't know the answer, I promise you I [24] they should just file for bankruptcy and kill all the [25] will find the answer. But that's why that integration [25] collective bargaining agreements. So Senator Johnson

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Page 119 Page 117 [1] is the head of the Senate committee that deals with [1] like that, members of the Senate have a privilege that [2] your issues and he's publicly said that, okay. So [2] they can hold those nominees; and we actually have [3] just know kind of what we're dealing with over there. [3] friends in the Senate that have held all those [4] Then on the other side we have the House [4] nominees because, you know, some of them just [5] committee and that's Chaffetz, and there was actually [5] shouldn't be on the board of governors overseeing the [6] a hearing not too long ago that President Rolando went [6] Postal Service. So they've got a hold on them, and [7] and testified in. And I will have to say Chaffetz was [7] that's where it is. And keep that in mind because I'm [8] at least, you know, not screaming and yelling. And, going to circle back around to that board of governors [8] [9] you know, there's still no telling what he's going to [9] in a little bit. [10] do; but at least it was not as antagonistic as it has [10] Like I say, you know, we've said before, [11] been in the past with Issa over that committee. But [11] sometimes no board of governors is better than bad [12] you need to know that, you know, immediately after [12] governors, right. We'd rather get the right people in [13] becoming like the chair of our committee, one of the [13] there. So that's okay. We'll deal with that when it [14] first things he did was he hired a staffer from Issa's [14] comes along. So that's what's going on with the board [15] staff. So that's not a strike in his direction. And [15] of governors. [16] one of the big guys on his staff is also a paid [16] I know the PRC, I think, actually has a [17] person. So, you know, when it comes to the banking [17] vacancy. There's supposed to be five individuals on that we've been talking about, somebody on his staff [18] there. There's four now. So we've got all these [18] [19] may have something like that. [19] vacancies on the board of governors. We've got a But, anyway, there was a hearing, oh my [20] vacancy on the PRC. [20] [21] gosh, time flies, but it might have been two or three [21] And let me go back a little bit. The [22] weeks ago; so I expect the House may try to fashion [22] board of governors is the group that actually governs [23] something soon to try and address the issue. But they [23] the Postal Service, right. They're supposed to work [24] actually had the committee, and Fred went and spoke. [24] with the Postmaster General and the chief executive [25] The Postmaster General was there. There were some [25] officer, and they govern what goes on in the Postal Page 118 Page 120 [1] mailers there. I'm trying to remember who else was [1] Service. Then you've got the PRC, which is the Postal [2] there. But there was a panel. So certainly that's [2] Regulatory Commission; and they are folks that [3] just to give you a flavor of who is in charge of our [3] actually -- what's the word for it? They regulate. [4] committees now. [4] They regulate the Postal Service, right. That's where [5] So that's what's going on at least in the [5] it goes for rate cases and all kinds of stuff. So [6] Senate. Now, some other things that are going on -- I [6] you've got the PRC, you've got the board of governors, [7] think everybody knows this -- our board of governor, [7] and then you've got the Postmaster General. So [8] because we only have one and that person's term is [8] there's a vacancy on the PRC board. And you'll [9] done December 7th, so, you know -- but even though [9] understand where I'm going with this in a little bit. [10] we're down to one, actually there have been some We also have right now a vacancy in the [10] [11] nominees that have been put forward. A lot of times [11] OIG position. Now, you all, I know, think of the OIG [12] as the sneaky little guy that's coming around the [12] those nominees go like the double, you know, [13] Republican, Democrat. A lot of times that's how [13] corner to try and catch you doing something wrong. [14] And that's a true perception, right. But what you may [14] nominees for certain things are done. So there have been nominees put forward. [15] not know is there is actually an inspector general of [15][16] For those of you that have been keeping up with it, [16] the USPS OIG, and it's actually an appointed position. [17] And that person is like the watchdog of what goes on [17] there were some nominees that we certainly didn't [18] in the Postal Service. [18] like, obviously Miller -- I can't even think of his [19] first name -- was nominated again. For those of you A lot of the federal agencies have their [19] [20] that have been around for a while like me, my fellow [20] own OIG agent over it; and they basically are looking [21] in to make sure that, you know, things are done right [21] CCA/TE folks and the folks in the room, he's been on [22] our board before and that's the guy that, you know, [22] and fiscally they're doing the right things. And the [23] his goal in life is to privatize the Postal Service. [23] OIG will come out with all kinds of reports of why is [24] So he was one of the nominees that got put forward. [24] the Post Office doing this when they should be doing [25] But anytime there's a nominee put forward [25] this. And actually there's been some really good

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Page 123 Page 121 [1] reports that the OIG has put out that we have used. [1] happening at the time in Congress about it. One of So that vacancy -- that right now has a [2] the issues was is they were trying to address how the [2] [3] vacancy for them. So if you separate, you know, what [3] Postal Service determines postage rates, right. And [4] you think of that, that position is actually extremely [4] as you know, before -- I mean, it's this whole ordeal, [5] important because they are a watchdog. So we've got [5] right, to try and raise postage. [6] the board of governors, we've got the PRC, and we've [6] I remember it was like you've got to go [7] got the OIG. [7] and you've got to request it and there's hearings and Now, as I told you, the last board of [8] there's a process. And it was pretty crazy because it [8] [9] governors is going to be gone in December. But what's [9] would take quite a while before a rate change could [10] interesting about all three of these bodies that [10] take place if the Postal Service needed to raise [11] oversee the Postal Service is they all have one thing [11] postage. [12] in common --[12] And when they were talking about the 2006 [13] law, they said, well, you know, we should really Five bucks. We're going to have to review [13] [14] the tapes to see who it was. [14] address this because it's kind of crazy the way it is, UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can show you. [15] right, that it takes forever for a postage rate [15] [16] That's my alarm. [16] increase to happen. But they couldn't agree on how to [17] PRESIDENT GRIGGS: That's your alarm to [17] do it. The Senate had an idea of what we needed to [18] do, and the House had an idea of what they wanted to [18] wake you up. **SISTER RHINE:** So what do you think that [19] do. And, of course, they're trying to get this bill [19] [20] the board of governors, the PRC, and the OIG, the [20] accomplished and they couldn't agree. [21] inspector general that oversees the Postal Service [21] So what they ended up doing was they came [22] have in common? Who do you think nominates the people [22] up with a compromise. And they said that right up to [23] for those positions? [23] the bill was passed for the first ten years they would AUDIENCE: The president. [24] try the Senate's version of a new way of setting [24] SISTER RHINE: The president of the [25] rates, and then the House would get their chance, [25] Page 122 Page 124 [1] right. [1] United States. So don't you think it's very important [2] who's in the White House? [2] Well, so here's what happened. The [3] AUDIENCE: Yes. [3] Senate's idea was that you tie rates to the CPI, SISTER RHINE: Because by the end of the [4] right. And if they go up, rates up go. You know, [4] [5] year, they're going to have to do something. They're [5] it's tied to that. They automatically would go up. [6] going to have to do a board of governors, right. So [6] Well, for those of you that booed your national [7] that's why we wanted to kind of walk you through all [7] business agent this morning when he said there wasn't [8] that. It's extremely important because the White [8] going to be any COLA, right, if you notice over the [9] House has a direct connection with the folks that [9] last ten years, that really hasn't been the case, [10] oversee the Postal Service, the company we all work [10] right. So when it came to measuring it, there really [11] for. So those are extremely important positions and [11] wasn't anything to measure it on. [12] it's extremely important who's in the White House, But, regardless, that's what the Senate [12] [13] right. That has a direct effect on each and every one [13] had come up with. That's why rates really haven't [14] changed, right, because the CPI hasn't changed. So [14] of us, all right. Okay. So let me tell you a little bit [15] that was the Senate's idea, right. [15][16] about -- I always get ahead of my notes, so I've got So now we're to the end of that, and we're [16] [17] to go back. So, again, we've got all this going on; [17] going to have the House version of it. So basically [18] and there's another thing that I -- that we've been [18] the House has until the end of the year to come up [19] going around and explaining to folks just so you [19] with their idea of how rates should be set in the [20] understand another thing that happened with the 2006 [20] Postal Service. And if I'm not mistaken, I'm pretty [21] law other than, well, the payments obviously. But [21] sure that in this month's Postal Record there's [22] there was another kind of little caveat with it. [22] actually a story on that whole process and what to So when we did the 2006 law when we got [23] think about that. So you might want to check out that [23] [24] the prefunding requirement, there were some other [24] article. [25] things that were going on in discussions that were [25] But basically that's kind of where we are

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Page 127 Page 125 [1] with the rate cases. We've tried the Senate's and now [1] amortize the unfunded liability. So you've got to pay [2] we've got to try the House. So, obviously, we want [2] another year; and, oh, by the way, you've got to go [3] back and look at all the money that you haven't paid [3] you to be aware of that because that could change the [4] way rates are done. [4] and then you've got to amortize it out and then you've Now, the other thing that happened was [5] got to figure it out. So in reality after the end of [5] [6] that there was -- well, a couple of things. I don't [6] ten years, instead of owing five and a half billion [7] want to lose you on this conversation. So the other [7] dollars a year, we now owe six. So it actually went [8] part of that, if you remember right, there was the [8] up because of that recalculation. [9] exigency rate case, right, where the Postal Service [9] So when you have members that may ask you [10] during this time, because we were trying the Senate [10] that, hey, it's ten years, isn't it over, no, because [11] version, right, it went with CPI and there was another [11] the law requires us to amortize anything we owe. And part of it where if there was an emergency the Postal [12] if you remember, there were payments that were [12] [13] skipped, right; and then you still have one year. So Service would go and say, hey, you know, this has [13] [14] happened and we need to raise rates. [14] we still have that liability on the book. When the economy crashed, the Postal Okay. All right. Clear as mud so far, [15] [15] [16] right. Are you all still with me? Okay. Barely, [16] Service did just that, right. They went and filed for [17] an exigency rate and got it. And then there was this [17] right. I need to get you some toothpicks over there. big argument of how long does that last, does it [18] Maybe we should do the wave. I can't do the Ali [18] [19] expire. There were hearings. There was all -- you [19] shuffle as good as he did. That ain't happening. The [20] know, people weighed in on both sides; and eventually [20] good news is, we're getting there. The good news is [21] the ruling was is that it's not forever, it expires. [21] we're getting there. [22] That's how postage just went back down, right, because PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Take your time. [22] [23] that exigency rate went away. But, you know, perfect **SISTER RHINE:** That's fine. We only have [23] [24] timing, right, let's lower the price of stamps right [24] five more hours. It will be good. No, I promise I'm [25] when we're in negotiations. So that's always great [25] down to the end of my list. Page 126 Page 128 [1] timing, right. Like I said, it's important that we talk [1] [2] But that's how that happened, in case you [2] about collective bargaining, the convention, the [3] were wondering what happened there. And, of course, [3] election, what's going on with the board of governors, [4] the Postal Service could go back and ask for another [4] PRC, legislatively how all this is connected, what's [5] rate increase. But that's where we came to be, right. [5] happened with the payments, what we still owe, what [6] So the other thing that I wanted to talk [6] happened with the rates because those are really important. I think everybody hopefully will learn [7] about that you needed to know, because there's lot of [7] [8] misconception about this, too, because keep in mind [8] something from that. [9] that the 2006 law said you owe this much money and [9] So let me just talk real briefly about [10] you've got to pay it over ten years' time and we've [10] something that I know that you're going to think is [11] had some folks say, well, at the end of ten years, [11] important and I get it because you're all here and [12] right, we're done, right. Ten years are over. It's [12] then at the end I'm just going to just kind of tell [13] you about some of the other stuff that we have going [13] all over with. No, it's not. [14] There was actually language put into the [14] on just headquarters-wise that will probably affect [15] bill that said two things will happen at the end of [15] you, you know, branches and letter carriers. [16] ten years. You still have two payments left at the But let me get one more thing out of the [16] [17] end of ten years. One would be the normal cost for an [17] way legislatively, right, because, obviously, it's all [18] additional year of coverage. That was already in the [18] important that you hear it and the important work that [19] law, right. It was like you were going to prefund all [19] we do legislatively. And I know because of all the [20] this; and then when we get to the end of ten years, [20] nodding heads that I saw in here you all understand [21] you've still got one more payment and it's going to be [21] how important the legislative process is and how it [22] normal cost for another year. We will figure that out [22] affects us, right. It's extremely important. [23] when we get there, right. So we've got all these things going on. [23] But the other part of it was that you also [24] We've got all these solutions, but we still need what? [24] [25] had to make a payment and you had to -- they had to [25] We still need the people to vote for the bills, right.

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[1]	We've still got to have the right people in place in	[1]	It's always so fun when I hear from
	Congress that will support those issues, and we've got		members of Congress. I was just in New Hampshire last
	to get to them and make sure that they put the bills.		weekend, and they had one of the senators from the
	So it's important because that's the function of the		state come to the banquet. You know, she was up on
	state association, to be legislatively active. And I		postal issues and she says, you know, she was for all
	thank you for that, and I hope that you all will get,		this. She says, I've got to tell you, there was an
	you know, support from your members of Congress for		announcement that they were going to close this Post
	the things that we're doing.		Office in this little bitty town. She said, number
[9]	I did notice and I have to say this		one, I didn't even know they had a Post Office there.
	because, you know, I always like to say this when I'm		But, number two, I knew right away because every
	going, the folks that you have that are sponsors of		person in that town was calling my office telling me
	our bills, that's great. But I noticed all of them		to fix the problem.
	had a "D" behind their name, right. And sometimes,	[13]	So if you think people don't care about
	l've got to tell you, I don't understand that because		the Postal Service, that's what, you know, amazes me
	the Postal Service isn't a partisan issue, right. We		about members of Congress about not getting behind
			that. You know, that's something people that live in
	deliver mail to every corner of this country no matter		• · ·
	where you are. No matter whether you're a Democrat or a Republican or an independent or whatever it is, you		your district are very passionate about is their Post
	know, the Postal Service is one of those great things		Office; and they don't want it taken away.
		[19]	So, like I said, I'm befuddled by the
	that touches everybody American no matter you know,		folks that want to do that. But, like I said, it
	no matter, you know, when or what you do for a living,		doesn't mean we're going to stop. It doesn't mean
	anything. Everybody is equal, right. And so I		we're going to stop asking them to support it because
	never I've got to tell you, it's frustrating to me;		it's the right thing to do. So do everything you can to talk to your
	and I never understand how it becomes a partisan issue	[24]	
[25]	because it shouldn't be, like I said. And I hope	[25]	members of Congress. Certainly when we get something
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	you know, we need to talk to those folks because the		going, we're going to need their support to get it
	Postal Service is required you know, delivery of		passed, right.
	mail is required by what?	[3]	All right. I just wanted to wrap it up
[4]	AUDIENCE: Law.		with just kind of tell you some other things that are
[5]	SISTER RHINE: The Constitution of the		going on. I know Paul got up this morning and talked
	United States, right. The Constitution of the United		about the veterans group already. I think that's
	States. And, you know, when I think of the folks that		something that is really cool that we're doing to
	say I'm not going to support that, I'm like,		recognize the veterans that work for the Post Office
	seriously. The Postal Service is in the Constitution		and their members of our union. So if you haven't
	of the United States.		signed up for that, please do. I think it's going to
[11]	We employ more veterans than any other		be a great thing. You get this great lapel pin that
	company other than the government, right. How many		he's wearing that you can be proud of. And I know
	veterans are in the room? See, I mean, it's amazing.		we're working on doing a lot of things for the
	That is absolutely amazing. Number one, thank you for		veterans group. I think that was a great thing that
	what you did for this country. I'm not a veteran, but		we're doing.
	I am so proud that I get to represent veterans. That	[16]	Something else that we're working on.
[[17]		[[1]]	We're actually working on a new app that we're I
	is a true honor. We hire so many veterans, and we		doubt know when it will be denote but when a but it is in the
	touch rural America. So I just don't understand how		don't know when it will be done, but we're developing
[19]	touch rural America. So I just don't understand how it has become a partisan issue.	[19]	it right now, which is something that is kind of cool,
[19] [20]	touch rural America. So I just don't understand how it has become a partisan issue. So for all those folks that you have "R"s	[19] [20]	it right now, which is something that is kind of cool, like, here we are. Most people obviously, you know,
[19] [20] [21]	touch rural America. So I just don't understand how it has become a partisan issue. So for all those folks that you have "R"s behind, I hope, you know and I know you have. I'm	[19] [20] [21]	it right now, which is something that is kind of cool, like, here we are. Most people obviously, you know, use their phones, right. So we're working on an
[19] [20] [21] [22]	touch rural America. So I just don't understand how it has become a partisan issue. So for all those folks that you have "R"s behind, I hope, you know and I know you have. I'm not digging to say you haven't talked to one. But,	[19] [20] [21] [22]	it right now, which is something that is kind of cool, like, here we are. Most people obviously, you know, use their phones, right. So we're working on an actual NALC app, so I'm sure there will be more
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Page 135 Page 133 [1] them in case you hadn't heard about them, and that's [1] really didn't know a lot about the NALC and did a lot [2] something maybe your branch wants to do. And I know [2] of educating that way and did a lot of training. And [3] we're having a leadership class. Where did he go? I [3] actually the feedback from that group helped us to [4] know there was someone in the room that was going to [4] write the CCA guide. [5] the leadership here coming up June. There you are. So that was a really important conference. [5] [6] So we're continuing with the leadership [6] And as I said, from what Brian and President Rolando [7] academy. It was a little different this year. We [7] was talking about, it went really well, really well. [8] didn't have one this spring. We usually have two [8] So that's something we did. [9] classes a year. But with negotiations going on, we [9] Also, if you haven't seen, Lew Drass has [10] knew it was going to just be pretty much impossible to [10] been doing Formal A and Beyond training that's offered [11] do that. So we didn't have one this spring, but we're [11] to the branches. And it's on the branches, but you [12] coming back with another class this fall. [12] can send somebody to Formal A and Beyond. I know We've actually had -- we had the [13] they've been announcing some of that. I know they are [13] [14] legislative conference. That was something new that [14] doing another class later this year. So if that's we just did. It was last October. Did anybody in the [15] something you guys are interested in, you know, watch [15] room go to the legislative conference that we had in [16] out for that. And basically it is what it is. It's [16] [17] Washington? Paul, yeah. [17] intensive Formal A training and beyond. And I've BROTHER BARNER: I was there. [18] heard really good remarks about that, as well. So [18] SISTER RHINE: I think he helped teach [19] that's other new training that we've got going on. [19] [20] some of it, didn't you? And then, of course, I've got some new [20] BROTHER BARNER: Yes. [21] training that we've been doing. For years we've had [21] SISTER RHINE: That was something new that [22] the secretary-treasurer training that you would [22] [23] we did. We actually had this huge conference. I [23] send -- usually it was secretary-treasurers, maybe the [24] think it was about 200 folks, wasn't it, Paul, [24] branch presidents and trustees. But basically it was [25] somewhere around there --[25] fiduciary training, which is really important, right. Page 134 Page 136 BROTHER BARNER: Yeah, 190. [1] It's important that we teach you how to follow the [1] SISTER RHINE: -- that we brought up. It [2] law, right, and be compliant with the DOL and the IRS [2] [3] actually was out at the Maritime Institute in [3] and keep everybody out of jail. That's important. [4] Linthicum, Maryland, which is right outside Baltimore. But the idea was, you know, that's such a [4] [5] And they did this like, you know, intense training on [5] great training; and President Rolando was like why [6] all of our legislative activists. That was something [6] don't we expand on that. You know, we've got -- why new to me they had never done before. [7] don't we -- let's offer training for all officers of [7] But we had a CCA conference earlier this [8] the branch. So why don't we put our heads together [8] [9] year. That's something we had never done before. I [9] and develop that. So we actually did that. [10] didn't even ask. Do we have any CCAs in the room? So we've got -- we've had a couple of [10] [11] No. Former CCAs? Yeah. We've got one in the front. [11] branch officers training. I do it with your assistant Congratulations on making regular. I'm glad you're [12] secretary-treasurer, Judy Willoughby, and your [12] [13] here. [13] Director of Education, Jamie Lumm, and a couple of our We actually had a CCA conference, and it [14] folks from our accounting firm, I know. I guarantee [14] [15] went really well. We actually had it, I think it was, [15] you there's people in here who have had classes with [16] in January back in St. Louis. There were about 200 [16] Dave Dorsey before, the guy that walks around without [17] folks there, too, from all over the country. And I [17] his shoes on and you get to throw things at him. He's [18] didn't get to go. I know President Rolando went and [18] really good. So we put together and we've had a [19] your Director of City Delivery, Brian Renfroe, did [19] couple of those and we've gotten some really good [20] that with some of the staff. I guess it was a really [20] feedback on that because basically now we have [21] training from everything on branch meetings to you [21] great conference. I know we've talked about, you [22] know, maybe thinking about doing something else in the [22] name it. We've added a whole bunch of stuff. [23] future. We've kept it financial, obviously for [23] But it was really interesting to have, you [24] good reason. You need to know that. We've added some [24]

[25] know, an entire room of brand-new employees that

[25] other classes that we've been -- that are helpful on

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[1]	everything from, you know, I'm a new officer, what	r 1 1	out and not participated as much as they normally do.
	should I do, to, like I said, meetings and elections		They still haven't come up with a cure, but they still
	and bylaws and all kinds of stuff. So we've gotten		are doing research. And in order to continue the
	some really good feedback on that.		research, they need phones. We've even had members of
[5]	So I'm always writing articles on it. If		this association to be up there. So we can't push
	you're interested in what we've been doing, just come		that on the back burner.
	up and talk to me. But we're definitely going to do	[7]	Tim is our state MDA rep, so I would ask
	some more of those in the future, too, because those	[8]	Tim if he would come up. Don't go out the door, Tim.
	have been so popular.	[9]	His phone was ringing.
[10]	So I'm really excited about some of the	[10]	SISTER RHINE: It was out in the hall.
	training that we've put together and are offering for	[11]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: We want to keep this on
	everybody. I think it's great, some of the things		the forefront because it's real important. Years ago
	that are going on. We're always trying to think of		they thought it was important when it was in its
	other things that we can do. So certainly if you have		infancy as far as research, and research now is even
	suggestions, you can always come and talk to me. But,		more important.
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	those. And I think that is pretty much it or on the		give your experience, especially when we sponsor
	new training. Yes.		people to the camps. They really appreciate it. But
[19]	Is everybody still awake? Maybe. Nudge		Tim knows more about it, so he's going to talk about
	the guy next to you that's asleep.	[20]	
[21]	All right. So in a nutshell, that's	[21]	BROTHER McCRAY: Good afternoon.
	pretty much the topics that I wanted to go over. I'd	[22]	AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.
	be remiss if I didn't do this. Like I said, I want to	[23]	BROTHER McCRAY: I'm going to wake
	thank you all for what you do, for the job that you do		everybody up. Anybody got any good jokes?
	for the NALC, for making this a wonderful, wonderful	[25]	SISTER RHINE: Lasagna.
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	a winner here. Who put in the hundred dollars?"		I believe in the Bowl-A-Thon. I pick up my bowling
[3]	All the way in the back of the church was		ball one time a year, at Bowl-A-Thon. And this year
	a guy sitting down and he raised his hand and he said, "Pastor, I gave that hundred dollars." He says:		my highest game was 229. So anybody who can bowl, I challenge you, you know. Bowl one time a year and
[6]			come out and bowl 229, okay. But it's fun.
[7]	hymn for the day." He says, "I pick him and him and	[7]	And this year last year Branch 73
	him."		raised a little over \$11,000 for the fundraiser. And
[9]	Savannah, Georgia.		this year, in Branch 73 we're at \$16,738 so far.
[10]	(Laughter.)	[10]	(Applause.)
[11]	SISTER RHINE: Nobody can top that now.	[11]	BROTHER McCRAY: So in actuality a lot of
[12]	Don't even try to tell a joke after that.	[12]	times it kind of scares me because when they call us
[13]	BROTHER McCRAY: We pulled the coal out of	[13]	and tell me to go ahead and coordinate the
[14]	fire this time.	[14]	Bowl-A-Thon, I don't know how many teams are going to
[15]	I have a few things to say about MDA. I		show up. This time we had eight teams, something like
	just want to thank you all, first of all, for all the		eight teams, to show up; and we actually had less
	things that you do for MDA. This is my 35th year		people but raised more money. So sometime it works
	working with the branch and the state for MDA. I've		out that way.
	been doing it for 35 years. I started my first year	[19]	I would urge you all as branch leaders to
	when I was in the Post Office when I came in in 1981. And I've been working ever since, so this is my 35th		go ahead and try to put together a Bowl-A-Thon. If
	year of doing it and I enjoy doing it.		you have any questions, you can get with me; and I can help you set it up. Find a bowling center. And a lot
[23]	(Applause.)		of times a lot of the bowing centers will give you a
[24]	BROTHER McCRAY: I would like to thank		discount in the bowling part of it and then in return
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Page 147 Page 145 [1] camp -- I have the information for you; but if you [1] she'll tell you exactly what day we can come out. I [2] will be there again on visitors day this year. I'm [2] have never been to summer camp and see what happens at [3] looking forward to it. The number is 770-621-9800. [3] summer camp with these kids, you need to go out and [4] experience it for yourself. [4] Ask for Veronica, and she can give you all the Raymond. [5] information that you need. [5] BROTHER RAYMOND GRIGGS: Raymond Griggs. [6] [6] But we're asking everybody to please, if [7] you can, just one time, if you could just experience [7] Branch 73, retired. Thank you, Tim. I appreciate this [8] summer camp, I guarantee it will change your whole way [8] [9] opportunity. I wish my health was better. I would be [9] of thinking about MDA because when I got a chance to out here storming every Post Office in the State of [10] see that, then it really changed me. [10] Georgia for these young kids. Now, some other things that went on in my [11] [11] [12] I want to encourage every branch to [12] life that kind of made me think about the fact that it [13] could be me, I decided -- in 1985 I had a knee [13] contact the Muscular Dystrophy office in their local [14] operation. I popped a quadriceps muscle in my right [14] area -- if you don't have one down in Savannah or [15] Brunswick, call Atlanta -- and adopt one of the [15] knee on the basketball court. Back then, 2011, [16] children as your honorary member of Branch Augusta, [16] everybody remember when we had the ice storm. Well, I [17] Savannah, Columbus, and have that child come to one of [17] was off from work on sick leave and actually went out [18] your meetings and stand there and look you in the eye [18] to put the garbage can out on the ice day for some [19] and say, Please send me to summer camp. You're going [19] reason -- I don't know why -- slipped on the driveway, [20] to raise that money to send that child. [20] and reinjured the same quadriceps again. So I had to [21] You can't imagine what it means to them. [21] go back through surgery again in 2011. [22] They wake up every morning, and they have to depend on After they completed the surgery, the [22] [23] a caregiver to get them dressed, some of them even [23] guadriceps popped loose again. So I've had three [24] have to wear diapers, put their shoes, take them to [24] surgeries on my right knee. A lot of times you see me [25] with the braces on my right knee. It's the fact that [25] school, feed them, take them to the doctor, have Page 146 Page 148 [1] medical treatment. They depend on somebody to do [1] my right knee is not in good shape. I can't [2] straighten my leg out. There are a lot of things. [2] something, everything, for them. [3] And look at us. We get up. We can do [3] But think about the fact if something like [4] anything we want to. We're healthy. We're strong. [4] that can happen to you or if you were one of these [5] We go deliver the mail every day to our customers. [5] kids and, God forbid, something happened and then you [6] But those children can't do for themselves, but once a [6] end up with a wheelchair. Think about that. And when [7] year they can go to camp. You haven't seen anything [7] you start looking at life in a different way, then you [8] until you see one of these children at camp because [8] can start thinking differently about things that we [9] they are away from their parents. They are away from [9] do. [10] their caregivers. So the challenge now for all of the [10] [11]I saw this kid take his wheelchair and [11] branches and all the people, individuals who are not [12] just fast as he could go, he hit that swimming pool [12] doing anything, like Raymond said, sponsor a child. [13] and he went in. Once he got in the water, he's not [13] Even if your branch is not doing anything, think about [14] helpless anymore. He can maneuver in the water. He [14] sponsoring one or two kids to summer camp, \$850. [15] can't walk. They love that swimming pool. [15] \$850, okay, per child. At least sponsor one. But if But if you ever go to camp and see them, [16] you can do more than one, do three or four, make that [16] [17] you will do what I've asked you to do and that's adopt [17] your goal every year and step up to the plate, okay. [18] a child for your local branch. Branch 73 will be in the game as long as [18] Thank you, Tim. [19] I'm around, okay, and I'll make sure of that. But I [19] [20] (Applause.) [20] have good support. I have a lot of good people that BROTHER McCRAY: Now, the camp this year [21] are working with me with MDA, and we're going to [21] [22] will be down again in Rutledge, Georgia; and the camp [22] continue to do what we're dong. [23] will run from July 10th through the 16th. If you are [23] So anybody have any questions? BROTHER LOYD JOHNSON: Loyd Johnson, [24] interested in attending the visitors day, write this [24] [25] number down. I want you to call Veronica because [25] Branch 73, treasurer, retired. I'd just like to share

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[1]	something else with you that we do in Branch 73. Some	[1]	you.	
	of you may not be able to field bowling teams or have	[2]	All right. Thank you very much.	
	a Bowl-A-Thon or whatever. But if you take certain	[3]	(Applause.)	
	forms to the practitioners, businesses, things of that	[4]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: At this time we'll have	
	nature in your area, they'll be more than happy to		the vice president, Jacob Alston, come and give our	
	give you donations. And they do it fruitfully,	[6]		
[7]		[7]	BROTHER ALSTON: Good evening.	
[8]	tax write-off. So there again is another idea to	[8]	AUDIENCE: Good evening.	
	raise money and funding for MDA, and you'll easily be	[9]	BROTHER ALSTON: I'm going to do something	
	able to sponsor at least one, if not two or three		a little different this time. I'm going to read a	
[11]	kids.	[11]	letter that I sent to the presidents and members of	
[12]	Thank you.	[12]	their branches concerning the scholarship fund so	
[13]	(Applause.)	[13]	you'll understand what we're trying to do in the state	
[14]	BROTHER McCRAY: Now, the other thing Don	[14]	to help keep this scholarship find viable so we can	
[15]	mentioned is the fact that the research is still	[15]	help educate our children.	
[16]	ongoing. So one of the things we have to look at is	[16]	Dear Branch Presidents/Officers, the	
[17]	the fact that the research has not stopped. Just	[17]	Royal E. Smith Scholarship Fund is in need of your	
[18]	think about the fact that if one of your family	[18]	help. The scholarship fund is 100 percent funded by	
[19]	members or one of your friends like again, it hit		branch contributions. Last year, there were about	
	Branch 73 years ago. A person that used to work side		seven branches it varies from year to year that	
	by side with me raising money ended up getting Lou		sent donations to the scholarship fund. This year I'm	
	Gehrig's disease and then he passed away. It didn't		asking that each branch please send what you can to	
	take a long time after that.		help the scholarship fund. This fund cannot survive	
[24]	So everybody remember Earl Speedy Davis?		without your branch support.	
[25]	We used to work closely together making money for MDA.	[25]	We have a chance to leave a legacy behind.	
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[1]	And every roadblock he would come out to my station	[1]	Educating our children is a way to do so. The office	
[2]	and roadblock with me. We would go out to Cumberland	[2]	of the Georgia State Association has voted that \$800	
[3]	where he was and we would roadblock with him and we		will be the amount received by each recipient yearly.	
[4]	made plenty of money, but then all of the sudden I	[4]	The scholarship currently funds three scholarship	
	heard that he was down. But this man supported MDA	[5]	applicants.	
	until his last breath. He was there. He gave money	[6]	And in closing I always say please send	
	even when he was in his wheelchair.		your contribution to the Royal E. Smith Scholarship	
[8]	So the only thing I'm trying to make you		Fund, our state secretary.	
	all understand is this: Think about it if it was you	[9]	The way the scholarship fund works, every	
	or somebody in your family. It's important, okay.		year I send out applications. If you've got a son or	
	And we want to continue supporting letter carriers,	[[]]]	a daughter that's graduating from high school next	
1141	supporting showing them that we do care about pooplo	1121	vear in 17 see me see your branch president or one	
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[1]	SISTER JENNINGS: Good afternoon. Carol	[1]	national committee, she wasn't aware of it.
	Jennings, Branch 1119, Marietta.	[2]	SISTER RHINE: I can talk to Larry. I
[3]	I used to live in LA, and I absolutely		took a note. I'll call Larry.
	know exactly what the dangers are. I have a friend	[4]	(Audience crosstalking.)
	that lives in Compton, and her neighborhood is the	[5]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: She said that she took
	Crips. I went to visit. I had a red dress. I		a note of it. She took a note and she will call Larry
	couldn't wear it in her neighborhood. I couldn't wear		Brown. He's from LA and a national trustee. And we
	it at all while I was out there. They told me don't		will try to get some additional information.
	wear that dress. You will be shot up in this	[9]	But as Gladys stated, if you're going to
	neighborhood regardless. You do not wear red and a		wear it, the suggestion would be to wear it inside the
	sea of red like us in LA. So we should change the		convention center until we get some further
	polos to be peach and white.		information. I mean, once she talks to Larry, I'm
[13]	(Applause.)		sure Larry will be able to give us some information.
[14]	(Audience crosstalking.)		He's there in LA.
[15]	SISTER RAINEY: Okay. If some of you are	[15]	Okay. Chuck.
[16]	bold enough to wear your red shirt, only wear it at	[16]	(Audience crosstalking.)
[17]	the convention center. Outside of the convention	[17]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Brothers and sisters,
[18]	center, it is your life that's at stake.	[18]	we are still in session. We are still in session,
[19]	SISTER HUMPHREY: Veronica Humphrey,	[19]	please.
[20]	Branch 1119.	[20]	BROTHER WINDHAM: We really must be
[21]	I see what you're saying about the State	[21]	desperate for time fillers when you bring me up this
[22]	of Georgia, but the National is bigger than the State	[22]	early, because I know
[23]	of Georgia. So what we going tell everybody that	[23]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: No, we're not going to
	comes to National, you all need to wear a peach shirt	[24]	do the drawing.
[25]	or everybody change their clothes?	[25]	BROTHER WINDHAM: We're not going to do
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[1]But I'll just share some information with[2]you. I have some people say, well, wow, you require a[3]lot of money, you know. But, you know, ours is not a[4]fun thing. Ours is to help support and save your[5]jobs, folks, because every penny that we collect,[6]except for a very few dollars, is sent to the National[7]to go into the Letter Carrier Political Fund in[8]support of letter carriers and their jobs and also[9]even to reach out and it's going to affect the[10]retirees now because your retirements and your health[11]benefits may very well be in peril.[12]So traditionally retirees have supported[13]the fund, and we have always as an organization tried[14]to have you do the check-off either through your[15]payroll deductions, either through direct deposit from[16]your bank.[17]But we also feel that it's necessary as a[18]state association to raise funds; and we have put in[19]in the last 12, 14 years that I've been doing this, we[20]are probably approaching close to \$30,000 that we have[21]been able to raise funds. And you say, wow, that's a	 [1] They're getting ready to take the cruise out of South [2] Florida down there. And how many of you in here have [3] been on a cruise? So a lot of you know what I'm [4] talking about. You know, there's a lot of activity [5] going on. [6] And, of course, you get on the boat. [7] You're getting ready to go to your berth, I guess. Is [8] that what they call it? And if you'll notice that [9] of course, it probably is not true on a Carnival [10] Cruise Line. But, you know, when you flush the [11] commode, it's by vacuum, whoosh, right. Well, [12] Lucille, being a very fastidious individual, she's [13] around there with the wipes and all and making sure [14] that the boat is real clean. But while she's sitting [15] in the bathroom there, she decides that she'll go ahead [16] and take care of a little business while she's there. [17] Well, as she's sitting on the commode, she [18] reaches back and hits the flush button. Pop. Well, [19] she's on it. She hollers for Leroy. "Leroy, you've [20] got to help me out." Leroy comes in there. Leroy [21] can't get her out. He can't break the seal. Well,
[22] lot of money. That's pocket change to most of the	[22] Lucille says: "You've got to do something. I've got
 [23] folks that donate to the big political action funds or [24] to the what they call the dark money now. I [25] believe it's referred to as unaccountable. I mean 	 [23] to get up from here." And he said, "Well, I'll go get [24] an engineer." She said: "Oh, no, no. I'm in a [25] compromised position." She said, "You can't bring him
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 [1] millions of dollars. And it goes into both parties. [2] But normally the majority of it goes from individuals [3] who want to support the agenda to do away with your [4] workers' rights, et cetera, and what have you. [5] But we will continue at least through [6] tomorrow to solicit funds from you so we can send them [7] in to the National and hope that you continue to [8] participate. [9] But we would encourage everyone, [10] especially our branch officers, to go back and [11] encourage the it used to be called the Give Me Five [12] Program. I think probably it ought to be give me ten [13] or more or all you can, because, you know, it's a fund [14] that is well supported because it not only supports [15] you and your job but your family and also the [16] retirees, those of us who have been there before. [17] And what else? I don't know any good [18] jokes. Well, I do know a good joke. Well, I'm not so 	 [1] in here." He said, "Oh, here, take my hat." And he [2] threw her a hat and threw it down over her lap. [3] Well, he brings the engineer in and he [4] says, "Oh, Mr. Engineer, we've got a problem." He [5] said, "Can you save my wife?" He looks at the [6] situation. He said, "You know, we can save her," he [7] said, "but I don't know about that little guy in the [8] commode." [9] (Laughter.) [10] BROTHER WINDHAM: But, anyway, you know, [11] one thing I didn't tell you folks this morning, you [12] know, it's been one heck of a ride for me and you are [13] my family and I love you. And I'm not going to leave [14] you completely. I'll come back and visit from time to [15] time. But I do appreciate your support and everything [16] that you have given the organization. [17] Thank you. [18] (Applause.)
[19] sure. Did anyone hear about, I guess it was, Lucille [20] and Leroy, the children gave them a cruise for their [21] 50th wedding anniversary. And, of course, they're [22] coming out of the mountains of North Georgia; and they [23] have never been on a cruise before. In fact, they [24] have never left Hall County.	[19] PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Thank you, Chuck.[20]Kenny is going to come back, and he has[21]some recognition of folks on the committees.[22] BROTHER GIBBS: Hello again. I want to[23]announce the leadership candidates for this year.[24]Robert Hamilton from Branch 313. Robert.

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[1]	BROTHER GIBBS: Eric Sloan from Branch 73.	[1]	So safety is very important, and we want
[2]	(Applause.)		to make sure that you give these committees, these
[3]	BROTHER GIBBS: They'll be going to the		members, the respect that they deserve. They're not
[4]			trying to harm you. They're trying to help you.
[5]	I also want to recognize the retirees.	[5]	Gulf Atlantic, stand up, please, and be
	Will the retirees please stand.		recognized, district safety. Jeff, now you can stand
[7]	(Applause.)		up. Again, we thank you guys for the job you do in
[8]	BROTHER GIBBS: All the retirees are very		Savannah and Columbus.
	important to us, if you're wondering why unions would	[9]	(Applause.)
	keep them involved, and they help us in every	[10]	BROTHER GIBBS: Another group of people we
	category. They lead in the donations to the political		had that did an outstanding job is the city rep
	fund. They're out canvassing. We have more retirees		because they added routes, they didn't take away
	helping than we have active carriers. They set an		routes, they added routes, and they did a really good
	example for us that we should all be proud to be in		job. If you're in the Atlanta District, please stand,
	the company of those retirees.		city reps. Don't be scared.
[16]	Thank you.	[16]	
[17]	(Applause.)	[17]	BROTHER GIBBS: Thank you. If you're in
[18]	BROTHER GIBBS: Now, I have some		the Gulf Atlantic District, if you're the city rep,
	committees that we have, both Gulf Atlantic and South		please stand.
	Georgia and Atlanta districts, that I want to	[20]	(Applause.)
	recognize.	[21]	BROTHER GIBBS: You know, that's a tough
[22]	If you're on a district safety committee,	[22]	job, too. Those guys are people with angels within
[23]	please stand up. Atlanta District first, Atlanta	[23]	them, I'll tell you, messing up some routes.
[24]	District. Jeff, you're not from Atlanta.	[24]	The next group I want to recognize is the
[25]	(Laughter.)	[25]	district EAP advisory committees. Those are a very
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	for all the jobs that you do. When I call you, you		the next report, and I hope that has changed or
	volunteer to do these jobs. They take away time and		flipped that the active carriers are giving more than
	effort, you use your own vehicle many times, and I do		the retired carriers. You all make more money. You should contribute more.
	appreciate it.		If you think that this political thing is
[6]	There's one last group. I call them the local business agents. Those are the people who go	[6]	going away, I assure you, it's not. Now, Nicole went
	file grievances in places where there is no shop		over that thoroughly; so I won't. But I just want you
	steward in these small towns. They deal with		to really think about when you get your paycheck that
	postmasters again they don't know and carriers they		because of the legislature, all that can change. And,
	don't know. If you have been a local business agent		retirees, don't think that we have it made. At the
	and filed grievances for someone outside your city,		stroke of a pen, a lot of that can change. So I'm
	please stand.		just encouraging you to please ma'ams, please sirs
[14]	(Applause.)		consider the political letter carrier fund. Forget
[15]	BROTHER GIBBS: Thank you. I appreciate		the DRR, just contribute; and our national officers,
	everything that you all do.		they know best how to use it.
[17]	And finally I want to give recognition to	[17]	I have one minute, and then we will open
	Branch 73. You guys have been hosting so many events,		the floor for nominations. And I would be remiss if I
	I think you've become the hospitality of Georgia; and		did not wait until 3:30 because that's what our bylaws
	you have done a good job at all of them. Stand up and		call for, and we will not be subject to a challenge
	give them a hand.		because we did not open nominations at 3:30.
[22]	(Applause.)	[22]	So if you will give me probably 30 more
[23]	BROTHER GIBBS: And that's not easy. It	[23]	seconds. Brother Griggs?
[24]	takes a lot of coordination, a lot of hard work, a lot	[24]	BROTHER RAYMOND GRIGGS: Raymond Griggs,
[25]	of planning, a lot of time to host these events. So	[25]	Branch 73.
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	the election committee along with Tammy Hawkins from		will be handled in accordance with the national
	Warner Robins and also Reko Santana from Savannah.		constitution.
[4]	BROTHER STEVE WRIGHT: Good evening. I'm	[4]	SISTER DENISE STRONG: Denise Strong,
	going to read us some bylaws for the directions for		Branch 73. On Section 5, where it states that it
	tomorrow.		should be given to the chairperson of the credentials
[7]	My name is Steve Wright, Branch 1119.		committee, that would be me on the credentials
[8]	SISTER HAWKINS: Tammy Hawkins,		committee and not the other.
[9]		[9]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Okay. Thank you.
[10]	BROTHER SANTANA: Reko Santana,	[10]	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We don't need no
	Branch 578.		more votes to be called back.
[12]	BROTHER STEVE WRIGHT: All right.	[12]	BROTHER STEVE WRIGHT: I appreciate it.
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	each branch received will be divided among the	[13]	(No response.)
	registered delegates of that branch. The undividable	[15]	BROTHER STEVE WRIGHT: That's all we have.
	votes will go to the branch designee to cast. The	[16]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Thank you.
	branch prior to 8:00 a.m. on the second day of the	[17]	Where is my brother?
	convention must have given the chairperson of the	[18]	(Audience crosstalking.)
	credentials committee, that's me, the name of the	[19]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Give him five minutes.
	person certified in writing by the branch secretary or	[20]	BROTHER RAYMOND GRIGGS: All right. I'm
	president.		still Raymond Griggs from Branch 73.
[22]	Example: Branch A is entitled to 20	[22]	You know, we've got two senators from
	delegates. They send only six. Each delegate will		Georgia. Perdue, who is Sonny's cousin, and y'all
	receive three votes. If the president of the branch		know what Sonny gave us, don't you. Go fish. Where
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	with these Democrats. You know, I don't know.		They're working two months out of the year. They even
[3]	Sonny Perdue, his background, he's a		got it now to where they light moon jobs with
	preacher. I ain't got nothing against preachers. Let		retirement.
	him go to church and preach, but keep him out of the	[5]	I'm for term limits. I'm working with
	Senate. Keep them real estate people selling houses.		some people right now. We're going to put some things
[7]		[7]	in the Georgia House, hopefully within the next year
[8]	selling real estate up here with Ronnie who works up	[8]	where we put term limits on these people. By doing
[9]	there at Northside. You need to retire, yeah.	[9]	so, it would bring about a better, fairer, equal, and
[10]	So we have got a good chance this year of	[10]	a government that's of the people, for the people, and
[11]	getting the Senate back on the Democratic side. But	[11]	by the people.
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	get out and vote. We've got to get our mamas and	[13]	BROTHER SLOAN: Eric Sloan, Branch 73.
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	got to get them to register and we've got to get them		need to see everybody here. Thank you.
	to vote Democrat. He's the guy I can't even think	[16]	PRESIDENT GRIGGS: Seeing no one else at
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[18]			the morning.
[19]	AUDIENCE: Barksdale.	[19]	(Proceedings adjourned at 3:52 p.m.)
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