



## **BRIEF May 15, 2017**

**NATIONAL:** Congress on April 30 reached a \$1 trillion agreement to fund the government through the end of September, removing the threat of another harmful shutdown. “AFGE President J. David Cox Sr. applauded Congress for coming together on a bipartisan bill that will keep the people’s government open for business.” Even though a budget was finalized all this will once again take place before the end of this fiscal year (September). There are many Federal agencies that will be affected with the coming FY 17-18 with cuts totaling \$52 B. The President’s budget is simply a request. Congress may or may not share his/her view on priorities.

**EPA:** AFGE members at the EPA joined the rallies in Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Denver as part of the 370 events held April 29. “The Environmental Protection Agency is our best – and often only – way of fighting polluters and protecting community health,” said AFGE President J. David Cox Sr. “We are proud to have been a part of the People’s Climate March, and to raise awareness about the important work the EPA does.”

**HR. 1351 AND 2131:** These bills are based on incomplete data and lack any sort of cross-agency perspective with other DHS components. **HR 1351** (Strengthening Oversight of TSA Employee Misconduct Act) smears the TSO workforce. This bill does nothing to address the low pay; lack of respect and understaffing that contributes to workplace issues. **HR 2131** (Fixing Internal Response to Misconduct (FIRM) Act) – Higgins (R-LA) Is similar to HR 1351, but DHS-wide. If passed these two bills will give management more flexibility to remove any Federal employees. Call Congressional Leadership to vote no on these bills.

**Call US Capital @ 202-225-3121 press #2.**

**H.R. 2309: Title 5 Rights for TSA Officers: Strengthening American Transportation Security Act,** H.R. 2309, authority granted to TSA to establish or modify a TSA personnel management system would be terminated and the Secretary of Homeland Security would be directed, within 60 days of enactment, to suspend TSA personnel policies, directives, letters and guidelines and move toward conversion of the TSO workforce.

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You can be connected to your congressional representative by calling the US Capital at **202-225-3121 then listen to the selection and press 2)** House Representative. You will be prompted to enter your zip code to locate your representatives.

All these bills affecting Federal agencies, we ask you to go to your Local 1040 web page to get a script you can read when contacting your lawmaker in congress. [Afgelocal1040.org](http://Afgelocal1040.org)

**COUNCIL 100:** Have made several attempts to meet with TSA HQ to sit and discuss the areas that were going to arbitration.

**LOCAL 1040:** Had a Legislative Action Day on 4/24 and 5/2 where member call their US Representatives and Senators to voice their concerns on bills that will affect all Federal employees. Will have other call out. Fliers will be distributed on dates, time and location.

**BDOs - BD Integration:** OTD has release guidance for training BDOs (locally) via STIs focused on the AIT, WTMD and X-Ray certification. By December 31st, all BDOs, LBDOs and SBDOs would be required to be fully certified in all checkpoint PAX duties. They will still maintain their BDO certification and like all DFOs will be tested for certification in both BDOs & PAXs.

**TRANSFER BUEs - CBA Article 6 (E) 11.** A bargaining unit employee transferring to a CAT X airport will be allowed to take all previously approved annual leave as a result of the annual leave bid. All previously approved first-come-first-served leave for a bargaining unit employee transferring to a CAT X airport will be available on a case-by-case basis.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** June 22 at same place same location and time.

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