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# H. R. 4236

To provide for the protection and the integrity of the United States mail.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

To provide for the protection and the integrity of the United States mail.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Mail Network Protec-  
5       tion Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. MAIL NETWORK PROTECTION.**

7       Section 404 of title 39, United States Code, is  
8       amended—

9               (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
10       subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
2           lowing:

3           “(d)(1) The Postal Service may not enter into any  
4           contract described in paragraph (2) without first satis-  
5           fying the requirements of paragraph (3).

6           “(2) A contract described in this paragraph is any  
7           contract providing for mail processing, mail handling, or  
8           surface transportation of mail, if such contract would, for  
9           any 12-month period, involve the equivalent of 50 or more  
10          workyears of work that would otherwise be performed by  
11          career postal employees within a recognized bargaining  
12          unit or cost the Postal Service \$5,000,000 or more.

13          “(3)(A) Before entering into a contract described in  
14          paragraph (2) for services that would otherwise be per-  
15          formed by career postal employees within a recognized  
16          bargaining unit, the Postal Service shall first notify the  
17          exclusive representative of such unit (or each such unit)  
18          of its intent and, if requested, shall meet and bargain with  
19          the exclusive representative (in accordance with the provi-  
20          sions of chapter 12 relating to collective bargaining) with  
21          respect to the proposed contract.

22          “(B) If no agreement is reached within 60 days after  
23          collective bargaining commences, either party may invoke  
24          the dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection

1 (c) of section 1207, which subsection shall thereupon  
2 apply in accordance with its terms.

3 “(4) Any contract described in paragraph (2) which  
4 is not entered into in accordance with the requirements  
5 of paragraph (3) shall be void ab initio.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
8 respect to any contract entered into on or after the date  
9 of the enactment of this Act.

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