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**NEWS SERVICE**

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# Arbitration Decision Expected Dec. 18; Teleconference Set

Arbitrator Steven Goldberg plans to issue his final decision in the APWU interest arbitration on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, and the APWU has scheduled a teleconference with local union officials on that day. Goldberg originally indicated his decision would be available on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, and the union had scheduled a teleconference for Friday, Dec. 14. The teleconference is now scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18, beginning at 3 p.m. EST.

Locals interested in learning the details of the award should call (202) 842-4248 to receive the new telephone number to connect to the teleconference. Each teleconference is assigned a unique telephone number, so those who have participated in prior teleconferences must get a new number. The telephone number for the Tuesday, Dec. 18, conference will not be the number we were given when the teleconference was scheduled for Friday. Due to technical constraints, we can provide only one teleconference site per local.

It is important that those who wish to participate call prior to 3 p.m. EST so that they can hear the entire presentation.

A teleconference for Regional Coordinators and National Business Agents is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at 11 a.m. EST. Coordinators and NBA's should call (202) 842-4248 to get the telephone number for that teleconference as well.

Following the teleconference, the entire award will be placed on the APWU web site, <http://www.apwu.org>.

Souvenir Journal for Moe Biller Dinner

## Ads Deadline Extended

The deadline to receive ads for the souvenir journal for the Moe Biller Lecture and Conference dinner has been extended from Dec. 12, 2001, to Jan. 4, 2002.

The Moe Biller Labor Issues Lecture and Conference, honoring the longtime APWU president, will be held Jan. 11-12 at the Washington Hilton Hotel and Towers. See News Service bulletin No. 32.

'Recognize Our Outstanding Contributions'

## Dec. 24th Holiday

APWU President Bill Burrus has sent the letter below to Postmaster General Potter regarding the holiday President Bush designated for federal

employees on Dec. 24th. The Postmaster General has refused to grant the holiday to postal workers, saying we are not federal employees.



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President  
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December 11, 2001

Mr. Potter:

As you are aware, the president has designated Monday, December 24, 2001 as a federal holiday. In the announcement he made reference to the remarkable strength and courage demonstrated throughout the current national emergency. There has been no group of employees who have shown greater commitment to their service than postal employees have during this period of anxiety and fear of anthrax exposure. The airlines, the Congress and the Supreme court terminated public services in the face of these dangers while postal employees continued their service to the American public.

This is to request that postal management recognize the outstanding contributions of APWU represented employees by applying the federal order and excuse them from work or grant a day of administrative leave for December 24th.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*William Burrus*  
William Burrus  
President

Mr. John E. Potter  
Postmaster General  
U.S. Postal Service  
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House Passes FAST TRACK By One Vote!

## Bush's Trade Bill Squeaks By

On Dec. 6, 2001, the U.S. House of Representatives passed HR3006, the Fast Track Trade bill, by a vote of 215-214. President Bush lobbied extensively for the bill, which organized labor opposed.

The Republican House leadership extended the time allotted for voting by more than 20 minutes to squeak by with a one-vote margin. When the original

time for voting expired, the tally for the bill was 215-210, against. Only with added GOP pressure – threats, deals, promises of new benefits for laid-off workers and appeals to patriotism — did the vote total change.

The final tally was 194 Republicans and 21 Democrats voting yes on fast track and 189 Democrats, 23 Republicans and 2 Independents voting NO.

21 DEMOCRATS VOTED YES. These Democrats voted against organized labor and should be asked to explain their vote.

APWU thanks these courageous Republican congressmen for standing up to enormous pressure from the White House and the House Republican leadership.

**21 DEMOCRATS YES or WRONG!**

**23 REPUBLICANS NO or RIGHT!**

- Rep. Ken Bentsen (TX)
- Rep. Brad Carson (OK)
- Rep. Susan Davis (CA)
- Rep. Jim Davis (FL)
- Rep. Norm Dicks (WA)
- Rep. Cal Dooley (CA)
- Rep. Bob Etheridge (NC)
- Rep. Ralph Hall (TX)
- Rep. Baron Hill (IN)
- Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (TX)

- Rep. William Jefferson (LA)
- Rep. Chris John (LA)
- Rep. Ken Lucas (KY)
- Rep. Jim Matheson (UT)
- Rep. Dennis Moore (KS)
- Rep. Jim Moran (VA)
- Rep. Solomon Ortiz (TX)
- Rep. Ike Skelton (MO)
- Rep. Vic Snyder (AR)
- Rep. Charles Stenholm (MO)
- Rep. John Tanner (TN)

- Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL)
- Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (MD)
- Rep. Shelly Moore Capito (WV)
- Rep. Howard Coble (NC)
- Rep. John Duncan (TN)
- Rep. Mark Foley (FL)
- Rep. Ben Gilman (NY)
- Rep. Lindsey Graham (SC)
- Rep. Peter Hoekstra (MI)
- Rep. Walter Jones, Jr. (NC)
- Rep. Steven LaTourette (OH)

- Rep. Frank LoBiondo (NJ)
- Rep. John McHugh (NY)
- Rep. Charles Norwood (GA)
- Rep. Ron Paul (TX)
- Rep. Adam Putnam (FL)
- Rep. Ralph Regula (OH)
- Rep. Harold Rogers (KY)
- Rep. Robert Simmons (CT)
- Rep. Chris Smith (NJ)
- Rep. Charles Taylor (NC)
- Rep. James Walsh (NY)
- Rep. Curt Weldon (PA)