

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 22
OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Postal
3 Service Financial Relief Act of 2009”.

**4 SEC. 2. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR POSTAL ANNU-
5 ITANTS’ HEALTH BENEFITS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2)(A) of section
7 8906(g) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 “(2)(A)(i) The Government contributions authorized
10 by this section for health benefits for an individual who
11 first becomes an annuitant by reason of retirement from
12 employment with the United States Postal Service on or
13 after July 1, 1971, or for a survivor of such an individual
14 or of an individual who died on or after July 1, 1971,
15 while employed by the Postal Service, shall—

16 “(I) except as provided in clause (ii), be
17 paid by the Postal Service through September
18 30, 2016; and

1 “(II) after September 30, 2016, be paid
2 first from the Postal Service Retiree Health
3 Benefits Fund up to the amount contained in
4 the Fund, with any remaining amount paid by
5 the Postal Service.

6 “(ii) The Government contributions payable under
7 this paragraph for a fiscal year which is within the period
8 beginning with fiscal year 2009 and ending with fiscal
9 year 2011 shall be paid in the manner set forth in clause
10 (i)(II) (rather than clause (i)(I)).”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; RECOVERY OF PRIOR PAY-
12 MENTS; DEFINITIONS.—

13 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the
14 amendment made by this section shall be effective as
15 of October 1, 2008, and shall apply with respect to
16 Government contributions payable for pay periods
17 beginning on or after that date.

18 (2) RECOVERY OF PRIOR PAYMENTS.—In the
19 case of any direct contributions made for any pay
20 period beginning on or after the effective date of this
21 section and ending before the date of enactment of
22 this Act, the United States Postal Service may re-
23 cover the amount of those direct contributions so
24 made through offsets against any amounts which
25 (but for this paragraph) would otherwise be payable,

1 on or after such date of enactment, under section
2 8909a of title 5, United States Code.

3 (3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
4 section the term “direct contributions” refers to con-
5 tributions payable in the manner described in sub-
6 clause (I) of section 8906(g)(2)(A)(i) of title 5,
7 United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)).

8 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

9 The heading for section 8909a of title 5, United
10 States Code, is amended by striking “**BENEFIT**” and in-
11 serting “**BENEFITS**”.

