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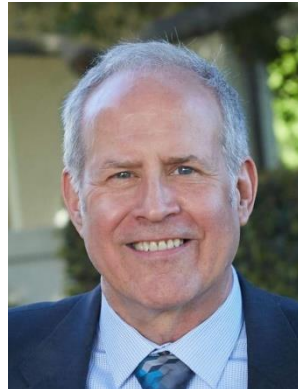


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Impeachment Hearings expected to crowd out legislation. Yet . . .

Well, it's finally come to pass. On Halloween Day the full House of Representatives voted to authorize formal Impeachment proceedings against President Trump. With public hearings forecast to start in mid-November it is expected that most other legislation will be sidelined as Congress, the media and the public focus on the impeachment question. Complicating things is the fact that the current continuing resolution funding the government will expire on November 21, about the time the House may be voting on impeachment.

Will Congress have the bandwidth to consider NARFE-related bills? Probably not directly as the pertinent subcommittees will be grappling with these larger existential issues. However, as I suggested last month, there is a chance that bills already introduced and having significant bi-partisan support could slip through as amendments to "must-pass" legislation. This is our opportunity as CDLs to ensure that our Representatives are paying attention to our issues and will be alert to any opportunities to advance them that may come along.

Because Democrats took back the House in the 2018 mid-term election, they have been able to pass over 300 bills this year. The Senate is still majority Republican so most of these bills are languishing on Mitch McConnell's desk. However, the Senate is going to have to pass some funding bills to keep the government in operation. Of special interest to active Feds, this bill will have to specify what kind of raise Federal Employees will receive in 2020.

Senators are acutely aware that Fed salaries lost about 7% in purchasing power during the past decade with multiple pay freezes or miserly 1% increases. They are also aware that the popular image of the Federal workforce (overpaid & underworked) has suffered even more during the current administration, which has lumped many conscientious Civil Servants as part of "The Deep State". The result is that many agencies report low morale among their workers, accelerated retirements and difficulty in hiring replacements - especially with a strong economy and low unemployment. Moreover, next year is an election year and even if a Senator doesn't care how Feds are faring, they do care how Feds vote. Bills have been introduced in both House (HR 1073) and Senate (S 426) that call for a 3.6% raise for Feds in 2020, substantially above the 1.6% COL increase going the Social Security recipients. Even the President has called for a 2.6% raise after three years of requesting 0%. Here is an opportunity to begin to restore federal salaries to parity with the private sector and to begin the process of making government a more attractive place to work.

Even under the dark clouds of impeachment there may be a silver lining. Let's make it so.

Cheers, Steve Walter

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WHERE FEDS LIVE IN CALIFORNIA

OPM last surveyed the Federal workforce in 2014. It took some massaging but I share the CA results with you to the right: It shows that Feds are heavily concentrated in S. Cal counties – perhaps reflecting the presence of military bases there. LA and San Diego counties are the only ones where active Feds solidly outnumber retirees.

Statewide active Feds barely outnumber Retirees:

Active: 215,557
Retired: 211,425

Top Departments:

Defense 81,451
Postal 61,737
Vets Affairs 27,741
Treasury 11,443
Agriculture 10,624
Interior 7,004
Social Security 6,105
Transportation 4,064
Commerce 2,528
Energy/EPA 1,223
NASA 1,814

While OPM does not show workforce numbers for each Congressional District make sure your representative is aware of the Federal impact at your county level.

County	TOTAL ALL AGENCIES	Active Fed Workers	Retired Fed Workers	OTHER
Los Angeles	76,069	41,405	30,720	3,944
San Diego	70,139	39,056	29,166	1,917
Sacramento	25,540	8,501	15,970	1,069
San Bernardino	21,881	10,710	10,064	1,107
Orange	21,034	9,966	9,994	1,074
Alameda	19,948	8,217	10,790	941
San Francisco	19,098	10,374	5,787	2,937
Riverside	17,048	6,402	10,347	299
Fresno	16,070	9,888	5,682	500
Santa Clara	15,581	9,344	5,971	266
Kern	14,415	9,335	5,038	42
Ventura	13,177	6,218	6,862	97
Contra Costa	12,782	4,481	8,197	104
Solano	11,131	3,039	8,058	34
Monterey	8,855	5,462	3,380	13
San Mateo	8,616	3,646	4,866	104
San Joaquin	7,557	2,631	4,758	168
Santa Barbara	5,535	2,576	2,417	542
Placer	5,106	655	4,388	63
Sonoma	4,331	1,299	3,000	32
Yolo	3,307	2,318	968	21
Shasta	3,038	1,336	1,673	29
Imperial	2,914	2,220	595	99
Stanislaus	2,626	767	1,828	31
El Dorado	2,547	774	1,744	29
Marin	2,439	753	1,661	25
Lassen	2,384	1,561	528	295
Tulare	2,297	1,281	1,013	3
San Luis Obispo	2,194	553	1,632	9
Napa	2,047	240	1,801	6
Butte	1,946	535	1,397	14
Kings	1,681	944	737	
Humboldt	1,538	785	742	11
Merced	1,503	393	749	361
Siskiyou	1,492	844	645	3
Yuba	1,441	915	523	3
Nevada	1,368	391	969	8
Santa Cruz	1,360	523	816	21
Tuolumne	1,160	606	551	3
Mariposa	1,134	852	281	1
Madera	1,058	353	703	2
Counties with < 1,000 Feds not shown				
TOTALS:	443,231	215,557	211,425	16,249

Grassroots Outreach Month - Final, Final Tally

I screwed up and missed an email from Diane Zaha, CDL to Representative Linda Chavez in CA-38, telling me about her outreach efforts to the Congresswoman's District Office. My apologies to Diane for this oversight.

Dates Congress will be in recess during the remainder of 2019:

- **Nov 1 – 8**
- **Nov 22 – Dec 2**
- **Dec 13 – 31**

Use these dates to schedule visits with your representative or their District Office staff.

CA District	Congressperson	CDL	Chapter/City	Date of Visit
2	Jared Huffman	Bjorn Stumer	400 - Marin County	27-Aug
5	Mike Thompson	Bob Boucher	281 - Napa County	4-Aug
5	Mike Thompson	Bob Boucher	281 - Napa County	16-Aug
9	Jerry McNerney	Gaylin Zeigler	1718 - Delta	5-Aug
9	Jerry McNerney	Gaylin Zeigler	1718 - Delta	29-Aug
11	Mark DeSaulnier	Robert Martin	531 – Concord/Mt Diablo	22-Aug
18	Anna Eshoo	Steve Walter	544 - Redwood City	19-Aug
20	Jimmy Panetta	Forney Lundy	1496 - Salinas	1-Aug
32	Grace Napolitano	Gloria Gandara	388 E San Gabriel Valley	12-Aug
38	Linda Sanchez	Diane Zaha	Southeast Downey	?
44	Nanette Diaz Barragan	Dennis Niles	2323 - Dominguez Hills	7-Aug
44	Nanette Diaz Barragan	Dennis Niles	2323 - Dominguez Hills	9-Aug
44	Nanette Diaz Barragan	Dennis Niles	2323 - Dominguez Hills	22-Aug

CA Congressional Reps who have chosen not to run for re-election. Lifetime NARFE voting record is shown in ().

Paul Cook CA8 San Bernardino
REP(48%)

Susan Davis CA53
San Diego DEM(95%)

Katie Hill CA25
Lancaster ?

The 2020 Elections – another Representative steps down

Democratic Rep. Katie Hill of California (CA-25) announced her resignation from Congress on October 27, 2019, following her admission to an inappropriate relationship with a campaign staffer before she took office. After serving less than a year in the formerly Republican seat, Hill stepped down on November 1.

Previously, Susan Davis (CA-53), the second-highest-ranking Democrat on the House Education and Labor Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, announced on September 4, 2019, that she will not seek reelection. She has been in Congress since 2001 where she represented the San Diego area.

Finally, Rep. [Paul Cook](#) (CA-8), a California Republican, announced on September 17, 2019, that he will leave the House in 2020 in order to seek a seat on San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

CDL News & Information

Mileage Reimbursement is For Real

Thanks to CDL Gaylin Ziegler for pointing out that the CSF Board approved a policy last year that permits CDL's to claim mileage when they visit their Congressional District Office. Specifically Gaylin reminded me that the Board approved the following mileage policy for CDLs in August of 2018

POLICY FOR CDL'S

The Congressional District Leader (CDL) or one of their Team Members for each of the 53 Congressional Districts is requested to visit their respective Congressman's Office once each month. During this visit (most of the time it will be with a Staff member), the CDL will discuss the recent legislative issue (as directed by the National Legislative Chair) and what NARFE's position is on the issue. Also, a current issue of NARFE's magazine is to be provided to the Office and any pertinent article of interest to the Congressman shall be pointed out and discussed as necessary.

The CDL, or Team Member, will be compensated for mileage at \$0.17 per mile for one trip per month when the distance traveled is more than 10 miles one way.

You can download the voucher form for reimbursement at

<http://www.csfcnarfe.org/documents/CDLMileageVoucherCSFC.xls>

Email the completed voucher to me for review and I'll review it before passing it along to the CSF Treasurer for payment. You can email it to me at swalter0224@gmail.com or mail it to my home address:

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CDL Badges

Letitia Ochoa has recently taken on CDL duties in Representative Pete Aguilar's District (CA-31) in San Bernardino. She asked about getting a CDL badge like those that Dave Southworth (previous chair of the National Legislation Committee) distributed to all CDLs last year. I believe Dave purchased those through a vendor contracted through NARFE headquarters. However I learned at the recent CSF Board meeting that this contract has expired and headquarters was looking to find a new vendor, probably as part of its rebranding campaign. I'll try to find out if there is a new vendor and if these badges are going to be available again. In the meantime, let me know if you also need a CDL badge. I'll compile a list and if and when the badges are available, I'll order them all at once.

You can now be reimbursed for mileage costs when you drive to the offices of your representative. This applies only if the one-way distance is over ten miles. Here's the rough calculation:

Roundtrip Mileage	Reimbursement (@\$0.17/mi)
20	\$3.40
30	\$5.10
40	\$6.80
50	\$8.50
60	\$10.20
70	\$11.90
80	\$13.60
90	\$15.30
100	\$17.00

