



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

June 26, 2003

**H.R. 2249  
Postmasters Equity Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform  
on June 19, 2003*

H.R. 2249 would afford postmasters of the U.S. Postal Service the same rights as postal supervisors regarding the negotiation of pay, benefits, and other personnel issues. Based on information from the Postal Service about its current treatment of postmasters, CBO estimates that implementing the bill's provisions would lead to an insignificant change in the agency's net cost. (Cash flows of the Postal Service are classified as off-budget.) The legislation would not affect revenues.

H.R. 2249 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 24, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 678, the Postmasters Equity Act of 2003, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on June 17, 2003. The two bills are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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