

### Moran Disappointed Senate Delays Postal Legislation

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran is voicing disappointment that the Senate has again delayed consideration of legislation he says would help address the U.S. Postal Service's financial troubles.

The Senate voted 51-46 this week against bringing up the 21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012 for debate.

Without reform, the Kansas Republican says the U.S. Postal Service will start closing post offices on May 15 and will not be able to stay in business beyond September. Moran says with these deadlines quickly approaching, it is critical that Congress considers postal legislation soon.

Moran authored an amendment to the legislation that would require the Postal Service to set minimum standards of service and alternatives to closure that must be considered prior to closing any post office. Upon the bill's enactment, he says the amendment would prevent the closure of any post office, including those in Kansas, until those standards are in place and are considered in each case.

The Postal Regulatory Commission has found that maintaining rural post offices only amounts to 7-tenths of a percent of the Postal Service's budget. Therefore, Moran says reducing service to rural communities will have little benefit to the Postal Service's bottom line.

Moran is a member of the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Postal Service.