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Voting Activity: Stop mail on Saturdays

1: What is your initial idea? Since posted mail isn't used as much, should congress pass a bill to stop mail on Saturdays? Write your initial opinion:

2: WAIT! Some things to consider:

- The Postal Service generally pays for itself with the money it brings in from its services and employs 508,908 people.
- Processes and delivers 153.9 billion pieces of mail a year.
- The Postal Service has been losing money because people are sending fewer letters
 - Why might people be sending fewer letters?
- In 2009, the Postal Service lost \$3.8 billion. Stopping Saturday mail would save \$3 billion.
- However, a lot of people want to get mail 6 days per week!

How does your opinion change now?

3: More things to consider (discuss each with the class):

- In 1957, Congress passed a bill to end Saturday mail delivery. It lasted one Saturday. Voters were so angry that Congress passed another bill to bring Saturday mail delivery back!
 - Did they have email and online bill pay in 1957? Might that make a difference

4: How will you vote and why? 3-5 sentences.

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Get with a group and make your own bill:

What is it?

What is your argument to support this bill?

How can you overcome an argument against this bill?