



Congress trying, failing to run a business

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News that the Postal Service plans to do away with Saturday mail delivery is renewing calls for privatization. But what's really stopping that from happening?

DeHaven, Tad (Cato Institute) Tad DeHaven, a budget analyst for the Cato Institute and a proponent of privatization, says the White House or Congress has to move for that to happen.

"Somebody has to take the ball and run with it; but to my knowledge, there's nobody that's going to push the privatization issue," he tells OneNewsNow.

"That's an unfortunate reflection of the fact that most members of Congress really couldn't be bothered with the topic, beyond naming post offices after people and mailing campaign literature for free."

DeHaven suggests that announcing it is doing away with Saturday mail delivery is an effort by the Postal Service to force Congress' hand to do something, "which they have not, despite these problems."

U.S. Postal Service (USPS) "But you're already seeing the pushback," he notes, "and a lot of politicians are worried about some of their rural constituents -- those who are supported by the Postal Employees Union, you're starting to see some pushback, and this gets to the fundamental problem that you have Congress basically trying to run a business."

DeHaven warns that is a recipe for failure, especially when one considers that the business in question is in permanent decline.