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Postal system

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The Postal Reorganization Act, which became law in 1971, resulted in the postal system becoming self sustaining, even profitable. From that day forward, no public money was required to keep the system financially stable.

There have been many calls lately for the demise of the USPS. Technology has certainly taken its toll on mail delivery. FedEx is already "helping out" by delivering mail to certain sorting destinations.

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, passed by Congress in late 2006, required the postal system to pre-pay the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund \$5.5 billion yearly for future employees. No other agency, public or private is required to pre-pay benefits.

The aforementioned 2006 law released from escrow billions of dollars that the USPS had saved by ending overpayments to the Civil Service Retirement System. One estimate indicated the retirement system overpayment to be \$80 billion.

The postal system isn't going broke, but it is being made to look that way. It has been targeted for privatization.

Fredrick Smith, CEO of FedEx, and a former board member of the Cato Institute, is one of the proponents of closing the USPS.

Follow the money.