

USPS Position Statement regarding National Weather Service

Under review by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation since 14 April 2005 is Senate bill 786, National Weather Services Duties Act of 2005, proposed by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.). It is the position of United States Power Squadrons (USPS) that adoption of this bill, which in essence restricts the National Weather Service to provide only severe weather information, would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of not only boaters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts, but to the general public who rely on a variety of information NWS now furnishes. As an integral component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NWS provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts and warnings for the U.S., its territories, adjacent waters and oceans for the protection of life and property. With its extensive network of Regional and National Support Centers, NWS is the preferred entity which can provide the scope of observations, forecasts and research at reasonable expense to the American people. Millions of others benefit from NWS data as well. USPS strongly encourages you to oppose S. 786 as individual and concerned citizens.

Approved by the Governing Board
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