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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

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- **Lawmaker introduces bill to track 'official time'**

A Florida lawmaker introduced legislation (H.R. 4392) requiring the Office of Personnel Management to submit an annual report to Congress relating to federal employees' use of so-called "official time" to conduct union-related activities during work hours.

- **Senate panel once again digs into postal reform**

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee reinitiated its efforts to address ongoing problems at the U.S. Postal

Service at a Jan. 21 hearing.

- **FEW records higher scores for lawmakers supporting feds**

Federal Employed Women, which scores congressional lawmakers on their efforts in support of federal employees, said that the first session of the 114th Congress saw the highest scores the group has recorded since it began the effort.