WASHINGTON WATCH: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
For the Week of 16 October 2017

I. LEGISLATIVE NEWS AND ACTIVITY
Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor to the National President, spoke with:

Mercedes Schlapp, Director of Strategic Communications at the White House, regarding FOP priorities;
Steven H. Cook, Associate Deputy Attorney General, regarding the FOP’s interactions with the U.S.
Department of Justice; and
Danielle Cutrona, Counsel to the U.S. Attorney General, regarding the opioid academic and vacancies
within the Justice Department.
Senior Legislative Liaison Tim Richardson and Legislative Liaison Michael Martin met with staff in the
office of Senator Sherrod C. Brown (D-OH) to discuss draft legislation that would create a new Federal
statute for the crime of using addictive narcotics to control people who are victims of sex and human
trafficking.

Senior Legislative Liaison Richardson and Legislative Liaison Scott Marks attended the monthly
stakeholder meeting of criminal justice organizations.

Legislative Liaison Martin met with:

Staff in the office of the Majority Leader, Representative Kevin O. McCarthy (R-CA) to discuss law
enforcement efforts to combat the heroin/opioid epidemic;
Staff on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce to discuss H.R. 949/ S. 597, the
“Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act.

II. THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS
The Senate was in session this week, while the House was in recess.

Action in the Senate
The Senate considered, amended and passed H. Con. Res. 71, the budget resolution, on 51-49 vote. The
resolution must now return to the House for further consideration.
Action in Senate Committees


III. UPDATE ON TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

For the complete list of cosponsors for all of our top legislative priorities, or to find out if your Representative and Senators are cosponsors of specific bills, check out https://www.congress.gov/

A. Support H.R. 1205/S. 915, the "Social Security Fairness Act"
We have 148 cosponsors on H.R 1205.

We have 9 cosponsors on S. 915.

B. Support the H.R. 964/S. 424, the "Law Enforcement Officers' Equity Act"
We have 30 cosponsors on H.R. 964.

We have 3 cosponsors on S. 424.

IV. FOP NEWS: FOP Declares Support for Thin Blue Line Flag

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, announced today that the delegates assembled at the 63rd Biennial National Conference adopted Resolution #5, which affirms the organization’s support of the use of the “Thin Blue Line” flag to show support for law enforcement and respect for the communities they protect.

“This flag, which law enforcement officers have been displaying and wearing for many years represents the shared sacrifice that we make in the course of serving our fellow citizens,” Canterbury said. “It is a positive symbol—a symbol of solidarity—and the FOP supports its display.

The resolution adopted at the Biennial National Conference makes clear that the “Thin Blue Line” flag represents “the preservation of the rule of law, the protection of peace and freedom, and the sacrifice of the fallen and the dedication of those who serve and continue to serve.” The resolution was adopted on a voice vote.
“To the men and women behind the badge, this flag is also a reminder of those who lost their lives in the line of duty, a way to remember them and honor the families they left behind,” Canterbury said. “Our members will continue to display this flag with pride.”

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