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FOP ANGERED BY POLITICAL GAMES ON 9/11 BENEFITS: RAND PAUL BLOCKS PERMAMENT VCF REAUTHORIZATION ON SENATE FLOOR

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, expressed anger and frustration to news that Senator Rand H. Paul (R-KY) went to the Senate floor to object to the consideration H.R. 1327 the “Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.” Media outlets are also reporting that Senator Michael S. Lee (R-UT) has a hold on the bill.

“This bipartisan legislation, which the House passed with more than 400 votes, was expected to be passed by unanimous consent in the Senate and then signed by President Trump,” Canterbury said. “Instead, it was blocked by Senator Rand Paul who claimed, on the floor of the Senate, that the nation’s ‘massive debt’ precludes his support for the 9/11 VCF program. With all due respect, Senator, we owe the heroes of 9/11 a much, much greater debt.”

The legislation would reauthorize the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) through Fiscal Year 2090—the same reauthorization Congress provided for the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP).

“I am angry, and our survivors should be too, that Senator Paul prevented a vote today on the reauthorization of a program that provides benefits to the men and women who are dying as a result of their response to a terrorist attack on our country,” Canterbury said. “I think it’s disgraceful.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 348,000 members.

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