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FOP TOP PRIORITY INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS; The “Law Enforcement Officers’ Equity Act”

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the introduction of H.R. 1195/S. 473, the “Law Enforcement Officers’ Equity Act.”

“Nearly 30,000 Federal law enforcement officers do not receive the same retirement benefits as their other Federal law enforcement colleagues do,” Canterbury said. “We are grateful to the bill’s sponsors, Representatives Peter T. King (R-NY) and William J. Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) in the House of Representatives and Senators Cory A. Booker (D-NJ) and Robert J. Portman (R-OH) in the Senate for their continued support for our Federal law enforcement officers. These Members know this issue is about fairness as well as the recruitment and retention of good law enforcement officers throughout the Federal government.”

This legislation would provide these brave men and women with 6(c) retirement benefits and the ability to retire after twenty (20) years of service at the age of fifty (50) or after twenty-five (25) years of service at any age. This same benefit is currently received by most Federal law enforcement officers. This bill will also provide for savings in training costs, improve recruitment and retention of qualified officers, and enhance public safety.

“These dedicated men and women put their lives on the line as law enforcement officers for different agencies throughout the Federal government,” Canterbury said. “Officers classified as 0083’s in agencies like the Department of Defense and Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, FBI. Police, U.S. Postal Police, Federal Protective Service, National Institute of Health, U.S. Mint, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are among those Federal officers still not receiving these specific benefits.”

“These officers serve as our Federal Government’s first line of defense and are asked to face the same hazards as their State and local counterparts. During the recent government shutdown, these officers reported to work just as their counterparts from covered agencies did and continued serving the American people with distinction to ensure our nation’s infrastructure, government facilities and institutions remained safe,” said Canterbury.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 345,000 members.