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FOP DECLARES VICTORY IN TAX BILL *PREVAILS ON Two Provisions Impacting FOP Members and their Retirements*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, declared victory for FOP members and their retirement plans in the final version of H.R. 1, the “Tax Cut and Jobs Act.” Congress will begin voting on the bill starting tomorrow.

“Our top concern with the House version of the bill was Section 5001 which would have subjected the investments of State and local retirement systems to the unrelated business income tax (UBIT),” Canterbury explained. “Approximately two-thirds of State and local pension benefits are funded by investment earnings. Imposing the UBIT on these plans would have negatively impacted our members’ retirement and ultimately increased the cost to taxpayers. We were successful in knocking out this proposal.”

The elimination of the UBIT provision was not the only FOP victory in the tax bill. The FOP strongly opposed the elimination of the State and local tax (SALT) deduction in the House-passed version of the bill. The final legislation allows members who itemize their returns to claim up to \$10,000 in deductions for SALT instead of losing it altogether. FOP members who do not itemize will see their taxes reduced because the bill increases the standard deduction and expands the child tax credit.

“We were very concerned about the elimination of the SALT deductions and continue to believe that this double taxation is not fair,” Canterbury said. “But with the high cap on those deductions, we believe the impact on our members who itemize will be minimal and that other cuts and gains in the legislation will benefit all of our members.”

Congress will begin consideration of the bill tomorrow and the legislation is expected to pass before the end of the week and be signed into law by the President.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 330,000 members in every region of the country.