

House Passes Law Enforcement Funds

Last week, the House passed the FY 2010 Commerce-Justice- Science Appropriations bill. The bill included the following funds which benefit AFSCME law enforcement officers:

- \$3.4 billion for state and local law enforcement programs. This includes \$298 million for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring program, which, combined with the \$1 billion provided in the Recovery Act, will put 7,000 new officers on the street;
- \$529 million for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grants (JAG) and \$124 million for discretionary grants. Bryne JAG helps state and local governments support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime; and,
- \$25 million for continuation of the bulletproof vests program.

Senate action is expected soon.

Cooperation Act Gains Cosponsors

The Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (H.R. 413) now has 88 cosponsors. The bill, introduced by Representatives Dale Kildee (D-MI) and John Duncan (R-TN) in January, will extend collective bargaining rights to public safety officers who do not currently have them and establish minimum standards for state collective bargaining laws, including a right of public safety officers to bargain over wages, hours and working conditions; a dispute resolution mechanism, such as fact finding, mediation or arbitration; and enforcement of contracts through state courts.

A Senate version has not yet been introduced. Last Congress, the Cooperation Act had 280 cosponsors. It passed the House in July of 2007 but failed to come to a vote in the Senate.

House Expands COPS Program

The House passed the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Improvement Act of 2009 (H.R. 1139) in April by a vote of 342-78. The bill provides \$1.8 billion annually for FY 2009 through 2014 for the Cops on the Beat program. The program provides grants to state and local governments to hire additional law enforcement officers and prosecutors. The bill also authorizes up to \$350 million a year for grants to obtain or upgrade technology and equipment. A similar bill (S. 167) is pending in the Senate.

Law Enforcement Bill of Rights Bill Introduced

In April, Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Erik Paulsen (R-MN) introduced the Law Enforcement Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights (H.R. 1972). The bill would provide standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers and administrative disciplinary hearings to ensure due process.

COOPERATION ACT COSPONSORS

As of 6/18/09

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[Rep Capito, Shelley Moore](#) [WV-2] - 6/9/2009
[Rep Cohen, Steve](#) [TN-9] - 3/12/2009
[Rep Costello, Jerry F.](#) [IL-12] - 3/12/2009
[Rep Davis, Artur](#) [AL-7] - 6/9/2009
[Rep DeGette, Diana](#) [CO-1] - 3/18/2009
[Rep Dicks, Norman D.](#) [WA-6] - 3/18/2009
[Rep Donnelly, Joe](#) [IN-2] - 5/4/2009
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[Rep Ellsworth, Brad](#) [IN-8] - 5/21/2009
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[Rep Hastings, Alcee L.](#) [FL-23] - 3/18/2009
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[Rep Hunter, Duncan D.](#) [CA-52] - 6/9/2009
[Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr.](#) [NC-3] - 3/18/2009
[Rep LoBiondo, Frank A.](#) [NJ-2] - 3/12/2009
[Rep Lofgren, Zoe](#) [CA-16] - 5/5/2009
[Rep Maloney, Carolyn B.](#) [NY-14] - 3/18/2009
[Rep Matsui, Doris O.](#) [CA-5] - 3/18/2009
[Rep McHugh, John M.](#) [NY-23] - 3/12/2009
[Rep Miller, Brad](#) [NC-13] - 5/4/2009
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[Rep Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana](#) [FL-18] - 3/18/2009
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[Rep Scott, Robert C. "Bobby"](#) [VA-3] - 5/4/2009
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