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COSPONSORED LEGISLATION

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Law Enforcement

H.R. 3153, Death to Cop Killers Act of 2007 - 31 states already consider the murder or attempted murder of a police officer enough to warrant the consideration of the death penalty. There is nothing in the current federal crimes code to allow for the murder of a law enforcement officer to be an aggravating circumstance in the determination of whether or not to impose the death penalty. This bill makes the standard nationwide by adding the killing or the attempted killing of a law enforcement officer as an aggravating factor in death penalty proceedings. (There are 16 existing statutory aggravating factors for homicides).

- Sponsor: Rep. Gerlach, Jim (R-PA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

H.R. 2391, Public Safety Officer Family Health Benefits Act - Authorizes an individual, who is a family member of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty, to enroll in an approved federal employee health benefits plan as an individual or for self and family. The Act also specifies the individual's and the government's contributions toward the enrollment charge.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stupak, Bart (D-MI)
- Status: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia

H.R. 3440, Law Enforcement Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act of 2007 – Provides standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogations of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require States to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability and due process laws.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T. (D-CA)
- Status: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

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H.R. 146, Law Enforcement Officers Flag Memorial Act - Allows the family of a deceased law enforcement officer to request, and the Attorney General to provide, a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol in honor of the officer, to be supplied by the Architect of the Capitol. Directs that the family pay the cost of such flag, including shipping.

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)

- Status: Subcommittee on Military Personnel

H.R. 688, State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2007 – Sets forth the due process rights, including procedures, that shall be afforded a law enforcement officer who is the subject of an investigation or disciplinary hearing. Requires that each agency commence an investigation based on a complaint from outside the agency not later than 15 days after receipt of the complaint by the agency. Directs that any officer who is the subject of an investigation be notified of the investigation 24 hours before the commencement of questioning. Establishes rights of officers before and during questioning, including the right to counsel. Requires questioning to be conducted at reasonable hours. Prohibits an officer from being compelled to submit to the use of a lie detector.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ramstad, Jim (R-MN)

- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

H.Res. 866 - Honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the Coast Guard seizing over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, far surpassing all of our previous records.

- Sponsor: Rep. Coble, Howard (R-NC)

- Status: Passed House 391 - 0 (Roll no. 20)

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