



# WASHINGTON WATCH

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



# LEOSA REFORM ACT RE-INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE





# LEGISLATIVE NEWS & ACTIVITY

- National President **Patrick Yoes** concluded the Spring National Board Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT.
- National President **Patrick Yoes** attended the 2025 Black and Blue Gala in Salt Lake City, UT.
- National President **Patrick Yoes** spoke with various media outlets.
- Executive Director **Jim Pasco** spoke with **Alex Flemister**, Director of Strategic Initiatives in the White House Office of Public Liaison, regarding upcoming collaborative opportunities.
- Executive Director **Jim Pasco** spoke with **Greg Heeb**, a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's staff in their Washington, D.C office, regarding ways to build on our already positive previous meeting with FBI Director **Kashyap Patel**.
- Executive Director **Jim Pasco** spoke with **Terrence M. Cunningham**, Deputy Executive Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, regarding issues of mutual organizational concern.
- Senior Legislative Liaison **Tim Richardson** and Legislative Liaison **Laura Gormally** spoke with staff in the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security about their grant programs supporting State and local law enforcement.
- Senior Legislative Liaison **Tim Richardson** spoke with staff in the office of Senator **Amy J. Klobuchar** (D-MN) about legislation to reauthorize the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and other FOP priorities.
- Senior Legislative Liaison **Tim Richardson** spoke with staff in the office of Senator **T. Jonathan Ossoff** (D-GA) about legislation related to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.
- Senior Legislative Liaison **Tim Richardson** spoke with the staff in the office of Representative **Michael V. Lawler** (R-NY) to discuss legislation about the Public Safety Officers Benefits program.





# THE BLUE VIEW PODCAST

» After 40 years of injustice, public employees will finally receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned. The 118th Congress has passed the Social Security Fairness Act, repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset.

Join us as we discuss this historic victory with **Jim Pasco**, Executive Director of the Fraternal Order of Police, and **Edward A. Kelly**, General President of the International Association of Firefighters. Together, we'll break down the years of advocacy, bipartisan efforts, and the role law enforcement and firefighters played in making history.



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# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

## THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- In a pro-forma session, Representatives **Donald J. Bacon** (R-NE) and **Henry Cuellar** (D-TX) introduced the “**LEOSA Reform Act.**” The bill, which is a top priority of the FOP and passed the House last year, would amend the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) exempting qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms by ensuring that officers can carry in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders. The bill also extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to access services in U.S. Post Offices, Social Security Administration offices, Veterans Affairs offices, and other Federal facilities without disarming or securing their firearms elsewhere. It would also allow States to decide to extend the period between training certifications for qualified retired law enforcement officers from 12 months to 36 months. The **House Committee on the Judiciary** is expected to mark-up the bill next week.
- The FOP is expecting the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to favorably report two bills attacking labor unions and collective bargaining agreements next week:
  - **H.R. 1210**, the “Protecting Taxpayers’ Wallets Act,” sponsored by Representative **Scott G. Perry** (R-PA), would take the extraordinary step to require Federal agencies to charge labor organizations quarterly fees for agency time and resources – including, for example, office space and equipment; and
  - the “**Paycheck Protection Act**,” a blatantly anti-worker bill which would prohibit union members from choosing to pay their dues automatically from their paychecks—a standard practice at every level of public employment.

The FOP will be strongly opposing both bills.





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## THE UNITED STATES SENATE

► The **Senate** stands in recess until 24 March.



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# FOP NEWSROOM

**NEW YORK POST**

Police union blames 'spewing of anti-police rhetoric' for rise in cops shot and killed



FOP president blames 'pandering prosecutors' and 'cynical politicians' for increased violence against police

## PRESS RELEASE

### LEOSA Act Re-Introduced in House

Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the news that Representatives Donald J. Bacon (R-NE) and Henry Cuellar (D-TX) reintroduced the "LEOSA Reform Act" in the House.

## LETTER

### S. 978, the "Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act."

National President Patrick Yoes sent a letter to Senators Moody and Ossoff in support of S. 978, the "Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act."

## LETTER

### H.R. 1236, the "Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act."

National President Patrick Yoes sent a letter to Representatives Barr and Goldman in support of H.R. 1236, the "Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act."

## THE HILL

### What is Tren de Aragua, Venezuelan gang targeted by Trump for deportations?

Tren de Aragua, commonly known as TdA, is the Venezuelan gang targeted by President Trump in recent mass deportations. On Saturday, Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, the first time it's been used since World War II.

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# TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' EQUITY ACT

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## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS

H.R. 1505

22 COSPONSORS

R: 5

D: 17

S. 636

1 COSPONSORS

R: 0

D: 1

## LEOSA REFORM ACT

TBD

0 COSPONSORS

R: 0

D: 0

S. 679

8 COSPONSORS

R: 8

D: 0

## PROTECT AND SERVE ACT

H.R. 1551

34 COSPONSORS

R: 29

D: 5

S. 167

7 COSPONSORS

R: 7

D: 0

## HELPER ACT

H.R. 2094

3 COSPONSORS

R: 1

D: 2

S. 978

7 COSPONSORS

R: 1

D: 6

MORE RESOURCES

BILLS SUPPORTED



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# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

 **BLUE VIEW**



**On the Blue View Podcast, you'll hear from law enforcement experts, elected officials, and other notable leaders to gain insight into the issues and current events surrounding the law enforcement community.**

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**The Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) provides no-cost, customized technical assistance solutions designed to meet the unique needs of state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement agencies.**

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**COPS** 

**The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing professionals, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.**

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE  
PROGRAMS**

**The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides innovative leadership to Federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the art knowledge and practices, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies.**

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The top of the page features a banner with a blurred background. On the left is the official seal of the National Fraternal Order of Police, which includes a five-pointed star with a central shield, a scale of justice, and the words 'JUS • LIBERTAS • MIN'. On the right is a photograph of the United States Capitol building under a cloudy sky.

# POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Whether it be Members of Congress or a President of the United States, when they seek to engage in meaningful conversation on issues pertaining to criminal justice or law enforcement, they partner with the **National Fraternal Order of Police**. We are known and trusted to fight for the interests of our members, which makes the **FOP** a vital ally on policing and criminal justice issues.

**The National Fraternal Order of Police Political Action Committee (NFOP PAC) needs your help!** Our PAC plays an important role in our advocacy program and allows the **FOP** to support candidates who support our members and our profession. Given the importance of the PAC, it is vital that our PAC is as well-funded as possible.

**WE ARE ASKING ALL FOP MEMBERS TO FIND A WAY TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL FOP PAC**

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