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Rule Change Reversed! ***Social Security Fairness Act Back on Track for Consideration***

Washington, DC – Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed today’s news that the House reversed the rule adopted the previous day which complicated the path to get H.R. 82, the “Social Security Fairness Act,” a vote on the House floor in September.

“Yesterday, the House voted to adopt H. Res. 1289, a short and routine administrative resolution governing debate on a legislative branch appropriations measure, but which also changed existing House rules with respect to how bills with more than 290 cosponsors are to be considered,” Yoes explained. “It meant that we would not meet the requirements to get H.R. 82 onto the Consensus Calendar and to the House floor as we’d planned to do in mid-September.”

Following the vote, House leadership reached out to Representatives Rodney L. Davis (R-IL) and Abigail A. Spanberger (D-VA) and the FOP also weighed in on the matter.

“Today we saw the impact of the FOP’s resolve to get this critical bill to a House vote,” Yoes said. “Just 24 hours later, the House adopted another rule change effectively reversing their actions on Thursday. While we remain optimistic that we will get our bill to a vote, we cannot let up. Keep calling your Representatives and Senators and ask them for their support. As we learned yesterday, things can happen quickly and if you’re not engaged, we could lose this opportunity.”

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