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TABLE UPDATED 10-5-10

| POSITION | BILL | TITLE | SUMMARY | SPONSOR | STATUS |
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| Support | S167 HR1139 | COPS Improvement Act of 2009 | To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Kohl (D-WI), Rep. Weiner (D-NY)</i> | Passed House 4-23-09; Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee |
| Support | S132 | Gang Abatement and Prevention Act of 2009 | A bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crime, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Feinstein (D-CA)</i> | Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee |
| Opposed <u>original/non-amended</u> proposal to delay. | S352 | DTV Delay Act | A bill to delay the implementation of the DTV transition until June 13, 2009. Bill contains a provision that will allow a public safety agency that holds the license to a spectrum, to occupy a spectrum if the television station voluntarily ceased broadcasting before the June 2009 date. | <i>Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV)</i> | Enacted 2-11-09; PL111-4 |
| Support | S339 | Border Law Enforcement Relief Act of 2009 | A bill to provide financial assistance to local law enforcement along the border; Authorize \$100 million annually from FY2010 – 2014. Two-thirds of the funding designated for border communities within 100 miles of the northern and southern borders. The remaining one-third to law enforcement agencies affected by border-related criminal activity; grant funding to obtain equipment, upgrade technology, hire additional personnel, and cover overtime and transportation costs. | <i>Sen. Hutchison (D-TX), Sen. Bingaman (D-NM)</i> | Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee (became part of the Economic Recovery Package HR1) |
| Supported inclusion of LE funding | HR1 | American Recovery and Reinvestment Act | Making supplemental appropriations for economic recovery. Included funding for law enforcement: \$2B for Byrne JAG, \$1B for COPS Hiring, \$125M for Rural Law Enforcement, \$225M for Byrne Discretionary, \$50M for ICAC, and \$30M for Southern Border and HIDTA. | <i>Rep. Obey (D-WI)</i> | Enacted 2-17-09; PL111-5 |
| Support | HCon. Res177 SRes302 | “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week and October as “Crime Prevention Month.” | Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of October 1, 2009, through October 3, 2009, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week, and October as “Crime Prevention Month”. | <i>Rep. Reichert (R-WA), Sen. Specter (D-PA)</i> | Passed House 10-28-2009; Passed Senate 10-5-09. |

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| Support | HR2209 | Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2009 | Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2008 - Amends titles XVI (Supplementary Security Income) (SSI), XVIII (Medicare), XIX (Medicaid), and XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (SCHIP) to allow benefits under such titles for persons in custody in a public institution pending disposition of charges. | <i>Rep. Hastings (D-FL)</i> | Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committee |
| Support | S251 HR560 | Safe Prisons Communication Act of 2009 | Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to permit the installation of devices to prevent, jam, or interfere with wireless communications within the geographic boundaries of a specific prison, penitentiary, or correctional facility under his or her jurisdiction. | <i>Sen. Hutchison (R-TX), Rep. Brady (R-TX)</i> | Passed by Senate 10-5-09; Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce and Judiciary Committee |
| Oppose | HR45 | Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009 | Amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to prohibit a person from possessing a firearm unless that person has been issued a firearm license under this Act or a state system certified under this Act and such license has not been invalidated or revoked. Prescribes license application, issuance, and renewal requirements. | <i>Rep. Rush (D-IL)</i> | Referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security |
| Oppose | HR1133 | Family Telephone Connection Protection Act of 2009 | Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe rules regulating inmate telephone service rates. | <i>Rep. Rush (D-IL)</i> | Hearing in Subcommittee on Communications Technology, and the Internet 6-11-09 |
| Oppose | HR 413 S1611 | Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009 | To provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions. | <i>Rep. Kildee (D-MI)</i> | Hearing in House HELP Subcommittee 3-10-10; Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions |
| Oppose | HR3245 | Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009 | To amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act regarding penalties for cocaine offenses, and for other purposes. | <i>Rep. Scott (D-VA)</i> | Passed by House Judiciary Committee 7-29-09; Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee |
| Support | S879 HR2064 | See Something Say Something Act of 2009 | To provide legal protections to individuals who report suspicious activity to an authorized official, in good faith, that might reflect terrorist threats; and to provide qualified immunity from civil liability for an authorized official who takes reasonable action in good faith to respond to the reported activity. | <i>Sen. Collins (R-ME), Rep. King (R-NY)</i> | Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee; Referred to the House Judiciary Committee |
| Support | S1039 HR4334 | To Protect Those That Serve Act | To provide grants for the renovation, modernization, and construction of law enforcement facilities. | <i>Sen. Kerry (D-MA), Rep. Bright (D-AL)</i> | Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee |

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| Support | HR4466 | State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform Act of 2010 | Amending the Federal Hatch Act allowing local law enforcement officers, including correctional and court security, to run for the Office of Sheriff; allowing elected law enforcement officials to endorse political candidates and participate in political activities in his official capacity as long as he does not interfere with or affect the results of an election or nomination; and establishing a one year statute of limitations from date of alleged violation by which Office of Special Counsel must file charges. | <i>Rep. Latta (R-OH)</i> | Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform Committee |
| Support | HAMdt 129 to HR2187 | Amdt. Included in 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act | To allow funds to be used to install or upgrade technology to ensure schools are able to respond to emergencies such as acts of terrorism, campus violence, and natural disasters. | <i>Rep. Reichert (R-WA)</i> | Amdt. passed by voice vote, 5-13-09; Bill passed House 5-14-09 |
| Support | DRAFT | Global Justice Act | To authorize funding for the DoJ and the USMS to strengthen their efforts in investigating and extraditing international fugitives that flee the U.S. after murdering a law enforcement officer. The bill would cover local law enforcement officer (including court security officer) as long as the local agency receives a minimum of \$10,000 in federal money OR if the officer was participating in a federal activity. | <i>Sen. Hatch (R-UT), Sen. Klobuchar (D-MN)</i> | To be introduced |
| Support | S1261 | PASS ID Act | A bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Akaka (D-HI)</i> | Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs |
| Support | S1445 HR3212 | Stillbirth and SUID Prevention, Education, and Awareness Act of 2009 | A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth. | <i>Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ), Rep. Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ)</i> | Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce. |
| Support | S418 | Secondary Metal Theft Prevention Act of 2009 | A bill to require secondary metal recycling agents to keep records of their transactions in order to deter individuals and enterprises engaged in the theft and interstate sale of stolen secondary metal, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Klobuchar (D-MN) and Sen. Hatch (R-UT)</i> | Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce |
| Support | S1340 HR3402 | Crime Victims Fund Preservation Act of 2009 | To establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund. | <i>Sen. Leahy (D-VT), Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX)</i> | Passed by full Judiciary Committee 10-22-09.; Referred to House Committee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security |
| Support | HR4104 | Emergency Responders Highway Safety Act of 2009 | To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish and carry out a highway emergency responders safety grant program, and for other purposes. | <i>Rep. Ellsworth (D-IN)</i> | Referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. |

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| Support | S2772 HR4080 | Criminal Justice Reinvestment Act of 2009 | To establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety | <i>Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI); Rep. Schiff (D-CA)</i> | Passed by full Judiciary Committee 3-11-10; Referred to House Judiciary Committee. |
| Support | S1353 | Dale Long Emergency Medical Service Providers Protection Act | To amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits | <i>Sen. Leahy (D-VT)</i> | Passed by full Judiciary Committee 12-3-09. |
| Support | S3176 HR4970 | Department of Justice Global Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2010 | A bill to further the mission of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Advisory Committee by continuing its development of policy recommendations and technical solutions on information sharing and interoperability, and enhancing its pursuit of benefits and cost savings for local, State, tribal, and Federal justice agencies. | <i>Sen. Durbin (D-IL); Rep. Smith</i> | Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee; Referred to House Judiciary Committee. |
| Support | S3160 | The PRECAUTION Act of 2010 | To provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to help State and local law enforcement enact crime prevention and intervention strategies supported by rigorous evidence. | <i>Sen. Feingold (D-WI)</i> | Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. |
| Support | HR632 S557 | National Silver Alert Act of 2009 | To encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes. | <i>Rep. Doggett (D-TX); Sen. Kohl (D-WI)</i> | Passed House on 2-10-10; Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. |
| Support | S1821 HR448 | Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2009 | To protect seniors in the United States from elder abuse by establishing specialized elder abuse prosecution and research programs and activities to aid victims of elder abuse, to provide training to prosecutors and other law enforcement related to elder abuse prevention and protection, to establish programs that provide for emergency crisis response teams to combat elder abuse, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Kohl (D-WI), Rep. Joe Sestak (D-PA)</i> | Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee; Passed House on 02-11-09. |
| Support | HR4614 | Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2010 | Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to increase by 5% or 10% payments under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program to states that based on the implementation of minimum or enhanced standards of DNA collection process. | <i>Rep. Teague (D-NM)</i> | Passed House on 5-18-10; Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. |
| Support | S3273 | Southern Border Security Assistance Act | To establish a program to provide southern border security assistance grants, to authorize the appointment of additional Federal judges in States along the southern border, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Cornyn (R-TX)</i> | Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. |
| Support | HR5081 | Broadband for First Responders Act of 2010 | To enhance public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety agencies, to facilitate the development of a wireless public safety broadband network, to provide standards for the spectrum needs of public safety agencies, and for other purposes. | <i>Rep. King (R-NY)</i> | Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce. |

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| Support | S3625 | First Responders Protection Act of 2010 | To enhance public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety agencies, to facilitate the development of a wireless public safety broadband network, to provide standards for the spectrum needs of public safety agencies, and for other purposes. | <i>Sen. Lieberman (I-CT) and Sen. McCain (R-AZ)</i> | Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| Support | S3756 | Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act | To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide public safety providers an additional 10 megahertz of spectrum to support a national, interoperable wireless broadband network and authorize the Federal Communications Commission to hold incentive auctions to provide funding to support such a network, and for other purposes | <i>Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV)</i> | Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| Support | HR908 | Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2009 | To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program | <i>Rep. Waters (D-CA)</i> | Passed House on 2-19-10; Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearing on 6-17-10. |
| Support | HR 5654 | Federal Lands Counterdrug Strategy and Enforcement Enhancement Act | To require the Director of National Drug Control Policy to develop a Federal Lands Counterdrug Strategy and to provide for enhanced penalties for certain drug offenses on Federal lands. | <i>Rep. Nunes (R-CA)</i> | Referred to House Judiciary; Natural Resources; Agriculture; Energy and Commerce |
| Support | DRAFT | Inmates with Mental Illness Treatment and Public Safety Act of 2010 | To provide for a demonstration project to permit Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds to be used for a continuum of health care and mental health services for eligible inmates, including those with co-occurring disorders, at the times of arrest and through and including arraignment, adjudication, sentencing, and incarceration in a county jail. | <i>Rep. McDermott (D-WA)</i> | |
| Support | HR5913 | Text a Tip Act of 2010 | To establish a pilot program for law enforcement agencies to use anonymous texts from citizens to augment their anonymous tip hotlines. | <i>Rep. Paulsen (R-MN)</i> | Referred to House Judiciary Committee |
| Support | S3789 | Social Security Number Protection Act of 2010 | To limit access to Social Security account numbers | <i>Sen. Feinstein (D-CA)</i> | Referred to Senate Finance Committee. |