



H.CON.RES. 308 – AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 308 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) on March 4, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 308 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 30, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 308 permits the Fraternal Order of Police to use the Capitol Grounds to sponsor the 27th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which honors law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line-of-duty in 2007. The Fraternal Order of Police will assume all costs and liability while using the Capitol Grounds for the Memorial Service

The event is to be held on May 15, 2008, or on another day designated by Congress.

BACKGROUND

The first National Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held in Washington, D.C. in 1982, as a part of National Police Week, which was designated by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Every year, the Memorial Service activities include a candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, and a National Police Survivors' Seminar.

There were 187 line-of-duty police officer deaths in 2007, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page.

[Officer Down Memorial Page - 2007](#)

[National Police Week website](#)

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