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[H. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the House will consider [H. Con. Res. 25](#), a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition, under suspension of the rules. The concurrent resolution was introduced on March 19, 2015 by Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA) and was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which ordered it reported by voice vote on April 15, 2015.

SUMMARY

H. Con. Res. 25 would authorize the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary to sponsor two events on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol:

- The National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition, to be held on May 14, 2015; and,
- The 34th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service, to be held on May 15, 2015.

Both events will be held on the date specified or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate. The resolution requires that both events be free of admission charge, open to the public, and not interfere with the needs of Congress under terms and conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board.

BACKGROUND

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which that day falls as "Police Week." The National Peace Officers Memorial Service began in 1982 "as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement." This event has grown into [National Police Week](#), a series of events

that draw between 25,000 and 40,000 attendees annually.¹ A schedule of events for the week can be found [here](#).

COST

[CBO estimates](#) that passage of H. Con. Res. 25 would result in no significant cost to the federal government.

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¹ <http://www.policeweek.org/>