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### **House Defunds Reckless NSPS Policy Bipartisan Inslee/Jones/Van Hollen Amendment Passes Without Opposition**

SILVER SPRING, MD – On the eve of the August recess period lawmakers in the House of Representatives rendered another nail in the coffin of the anti-worker, anti-civil servant policy known as the National Security Personnel System (NSPS). Tonight's Congressional rebuke of NSPS was led by Representatives Inslee (D-WA), Walter Jones (R-NC), and Van Hollen (D-MD), who successfully offered an amendment to HR 3222, the Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) Defense Appropriations Bill. The amendment, which effectively calls for an end to NSPS, passed without opposition on a voice-vote and was also supported by DoD Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Murtha (D, PA).

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President Gregory J. Junemann provided the following reaction to tonight's NSPS vote:

“Not only is the passage of this amendment a huge step in the right direction toward bringing fairness back to the DoD workforce, it is also in the national security interest of our nation. IFPTE applauds Representatives Inslee, Jones and Van Hollen for once again fostering this important legislation to passage. Each of these Lawmakers, along with Subcommittee Chairman Murtha, continue to be the leading Congressional supporters of the DoD Civilian workforce.

“As we all now know, NSPS was an ideological experiment fueled by former Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. It was created for the purposes of destroying the pay, collective bargaining, civil service and veterans' preference protections enjoyed by DoD workers, not for national security purposes as some in the Pentagon would lead you to believe. And, to add insult to injury, the taxpayer-funded costs to implement this flawed policy vastly exceeds the \$158 million Pentagon estimate, as was confirmed by a recent GAO Report.

“IFPTE applauds the House's action and is hopeful that tonight's vote will finally lead to the end of this costly and ideologically driven policy.”

IFPTE represents over 80,000 federal, public and private sector workers in the U.S. and Canada.

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