

## **HOUSE PASSES INTERNET POLICE PROTECTION ACT**

**On November 9, 2005 the House amended and passed H.R. 1751 by a vote of 375-45.**

On October 27, 2005, Congressman Anthony Weiner successfully added the "Internet Police Officers Protection Act" to H.R. 1751, the "Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005" during the markup of the bill in the House Judiciary Committee. H.R. 1751 was passed by the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 26-5 and will soon be reported to the entire House.

Back in January of this year, NAPO approached Congressman Weiner with the concern, shared by many of our members, regarding personal information about police officers and their families being accessible to the public on the internet, including names and addresses. NAPO worked with Congressman Weiner and his staff to develop the language of the "Internet Police Officers Protection Act," and we strongly support all of his efforts to move this legislation forward.

Information like this can be very dangerous to law enforcement officers if it gets into the wrong hands. It is vital to prohibit publication of sensitive personal information about police officers on the internet. We ask you to join us in helping get ensure that this important legislation gets passed. Please write to your Representatives in Congress and urge them to support and co-sponsor H.R. 1751. Thank you in advance for all your help!