



## Council of Prison Locals C-33

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The Council of Prison Locals, American Federation of Government Employees, represents nearly 30,000 staff members of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. These employees work in very difficult and challenging situations, walking one of the toughest public safety beats in America. We would like to take the opportunity to bring some important issues to your attention that affects this group of sworn Federal Law Enforcement Officers nationwide.

# The Council of Prison Locals Opposes These Bills

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## H.R. 270

To provide for a 10 percent reduction in pay for Members of Congress, to make Federal civilian employees subject to a period of mandatory unpaid leave, to reduce appropriations for salaries and expenses for offices of the legislative branch during fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor: Rep. Mike Coffman [R-CO6]]**

**The Council of Prison Locals opposes this bill:** The national debt will not be resolved by punishing federal employees with forced unpaid leave.

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## H.R. 408: The Spending Reduction Act of 2011

To reduce Federal spending by \$2.5 trillion through fiscal year 2021

**Sponsor: Rep. Jim Jordan [R-OH4]**

**The Council of Prison Locals opposes this bill:** This bill intends to 'roll back' the Federal Bureau of Prisons agency budget to 2006 levels for a period of 10 years. This will reduce the BOP budget by nearly 2 billion dollars below the proposed FY 2011 funding levels each year, for a total of almost 20 billion dollars.

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## H.R. 122: Federal Employee Accountability Act of 2011

To amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the circumstances in which official time may be used by a Federal employee.

**Sponsor: Rep. John Gingrey [R-GA11]**

**The Council of Prison Locals opposes this bill:** This bill will put employee representatives in a position where, by law, they have a duty to provide fair representation to a bargaining unit member, but will need to do so on their own time, without compensation.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the constituent representative(s) who meets with or contacts you, or feel free to contact me as well.

Sincerely,

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