

GRANTING UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN
POLICE AND TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Mr. RATHBONE, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

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[To accompany H. R. 3807]

By a unanimous vote, the Committee on the District of Columbia has directed me favorably to report H. R. 3807 to the House for passage.

This bill grants their uniform and equipment to policemen and firemen in the District of Columbia.

Their present basic salary is \$1,800; not more than sufficient to maintain their families. They have been required each year to buy their own uniforms and equipment. We feel that this is a burden which they should not bear. They fill positions of great danger. They are subjected to all sorts of inclement weather. The incidents of their service cause many injuries to their uniforms. Financial necessities force many to wear their uniforms until they become shabby. This entire force must be presentable at all times because of many parades and functions of national importance. There should be uniformity in dress, so that some will not present shabby appearance.

Figures from the department show that the total cost per man over a five-year period will be \$358.45, or the sum of \$71 average per man per year.

Many cities of comparable size with Washington are now furnishing such uniforms and equipment.

Just as Senators and Congressmen are furnished free with every facility for transacting their business, we believe that these uniforms should be furnished, and the Committee on the District of Columbia recommends to the Congress the passage of this measure.

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