

## SRW August 23 Legislation

### Nation

Both the U.S. House and Senate have been on a break during the month of August. House will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> and Senate on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**HR-4791 Free Speech Protection Act of 2023, (Jordan R-OH)** (a) would mandate frequent accessible reports from the executive branch agencies detailing the communications between an executive branch agency and Big Tech. (b) ensure that federal grant money is not misused to label media organizations as sources of misinformation. (c) terminate programs that threaten free speech and other constitutionally protected rights. Has 17 R co-sponsors. **Companion Bill in US Senate, S-2425, (Paul-KY)** has 7 R co-sponsors. *Source: House Judiciary Committee*

**HR-2494 The POLICE Act of 2023, (Garbarino R-NY)** would make assaulting a law enforcement official, firefighter or first responder a deportable offense. The deportee, (not legal), would have to either be convicted of the crime or admit to it. Legislation has passed the House 255 R-175 D. **Senate companion bill, S-1733 (Budd R-NC)** is awaiting action in the Senate Judiciary Committee. *Source: Gov Track Insider*

### Colorado

**Prop HH Updates:** The lawsuit claiming “Prop. HH does not address a single subject” has been denied. Lawsuit was filed by Advance Colorado and 12 CO counties. Proponents of HH have collected large sums to advertise in favor. **This would not be on the ballot if Governor and Legislature were not increasing your taxes – Not A Tax Decrease.** Voters need to be educated. The following organizations have helpful information, videos, and flyers available.

[www.hhsucks.com](http://www.hhsucks.com)

[www.votenoonthh.com](http://www.votenoonthh.com)

[www.independenceinstitute.org](http://www.independenceinstitute.org)

[www.advancecolorado.org](http://www.advancecolorado.org)

[www.common senseinstitute.co.org](http://www.common senseinstitute.co.org)

### Colorado Springs

**More of your Tabor Money.** COS City Council voted to 7-1 to request more of your TABOR refund to kick-start a new Police Academy. Councilman Donaldson has proposed 2 alternative sources of available funds. Not determined is the location, design or cost of the proposed facility. On the Nov. 23 ballot *Source: Springs Taxpayers*

