

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 5, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective March 5, 2003, I hereby take a leave of absence from the Committee on Armed Services due to my appointments to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Government Reform.

Sincerely,  
C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN  
STANDING COMMITTEES OF  
THE HOUSE

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 124) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 124

*Resolved*, That the following named Members and Delegates be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Ryan of Ohio (to rank immediately after Mr. Alexander).

(2) COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: Mr. Bishop of New York (to rank immediately after Mr. Ryan of Ohio).

(3) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Sanders (to rank immediately after Ms. Waters).

(4) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM: Mr. Sanders (to rank immediately after Mr. Kanjorski), Mr. Cooper (to rank immediately after Ms. Norton).

(5) COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES: Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Markey, Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Baca, Ms. McCollum.

(6) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE: Mr. Cardoza (to rank immediately after Mr. Matheson), Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas (to rank immediately after Mr. Davis of Tennessee), Ms. Lofgren (to rank immediately after Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas).

(7) COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Faleomavaega (to rank immediately after Mr. Ballance), Ms. Linda T. Sánchez.

Ms. DELAURO (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION  
ACT OF 2003

Mr. SHAW. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 743) to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance the program protections, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 743

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Social Security Protection Act of 2003".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

TITLE I—PROTECTION OF  
BENEFICIARIES

Subtitle A—Representative Payees

Sec. 101. Authority to reissue benefits misused by organizational representative payees.

Sec. 102. Oversight of representative payees.

Sec. 103. Disqualification from service as representative payee of persons convicted of offenses resulting in imprisonment for more than 1 year or fleeing prosecution, custody, or confinement.

Sec. 104. Fee forfeiture in case of benefit misuse by representative payees.

Sec. 105. Liability of representative payees for misused benefits.

Sec. 106. Authority to redirect delivery of benefit payments when a representative payee fails to provide required accounting.

Subtitle B—Enforcement

Sec. 111. Civil monetary penalty authority with respect to wrongful conversions by representative payees.

TITLE II—PROGRAM PROTECTIONS

Sec. 201. Civil monetary penalty authority with respect to knowing withholding of material facts.

Sec. 202. Issuance by Commissioner of Social Security of receipts to acknowledge submission of reports of changes in work or earnings status of disabled beneficiaries.

Sec. 203. Denial of title II benefits to persons fleeing prosecution, custody, or confinement, and to persons violating probation or parole.

Sec. 204. Requirements relating to offers to provide for a fee a product or service available without charge from the Social Security Administration.

Sec. 205. Refusal to recognize certain individuals as claimant representatives.

Sec. 206. Penalty for corrupt or forcible interference with administration of Social Security Act.

Sec. 207. Use of symbols, emblems, or names in reference to social security or medicare.

Sec. 208. Disqualification from payment during trial work period upon conviction of fraudulent concealment of work activity.

Sec. 209. Authority for judicial orders of restitution.

TITLE III—ATTORNEY FEE PAYMENT  
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 301. Cap on attorney assessments.

Sec. 302. Extension of attorney fee payment system to title XVI claims.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS AND  
TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Subtitle A—Amendments Relating to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999

Sec. 401. Application of demonstration authority sunset date to new projects.

Sec. 402. Expansion of waiver authority available in connection with demonstration projects providing for reductions in disability insurance benefits based on earnings.

Sec. 403. Funding of demonstration projects provided for reductions in disability insurance benefits based on earnings.

Sec. 404. Availability of Federal and State work incentive services to additional individuals.

Sec. 405. Technical amendment clarifying treatment for certain purposes of individual work plans under the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program.

Subtitle B—Miscellaneous Amendments

Sec. 411. Elimination of transcript requirement in remand cases fully favorable to the claimant.

Sec. 412. Nonpayment of benefits upon removal from the United States.

Sec. 413. Reinstatement of certain reporting requirements.

Sec. 414. Clarification of definitions regarding certain survivor benefits.

Sec. 415. Clarification respecting the FICA and SECA tax exemptions for an individual whose earnings are subject to the laws of a totalization agreement partner.

Sec. 416. Coverage under divided retirement system for public employees in Kentucky.

Sec. 417. Compensation for the Social Security Advisory Board.

Sec. 418. 60-month period of employment requirement for application of government pension offset exemption.

Subtitle C—Technical Amendments

Sec. 421. Technical correction relating to responsible agency head.

Sec. 422. Technical correction relating to retirement benefits of ministers.

Sec. 423. Technical corrections relating to domestic employment.

Sec. 424. Technical corrections of outdated references.

Sec. 425. Technical correction respecting self-employment income in community property States.

TITLE I—PROTECTION OF BENEFICIARIES  
Subtitle A—Representative Payees

SEC. 101. AUTHORITY TO REISSUE BENEFITS MISUSED BY ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES.

(a) TITLE II AMENDMENTS.—