

HJRES 85

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the maintenance of a system of social insurance that provides Social Security for its citizens.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (May 20, 2004)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits Congress from passing any law which alters the fundamental structure of the Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Program under title II of the Social Security Act as a social insurance program which provides guaranteed benefits that cannot be outlived to retirees and guaranteed benefits to disabled workers, the families of retirees and disabled workers, and the survivors of deceased retirees and workers. Requires that such benefits: (1) be fully protected against inflation; (2) incorporate a progressive benefit structure under which the benefit amount is based on the level of earnings a worker had during his or her working years; and (3) be financed in a way that pools risks and rewards broadly across society and between generations.

Prohibits Congress from passing any law which diverts revenues from the Social Security trust funds, including contributions under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and the Self-Employment Contributions Act, or uses such revenues for any purpose other than paying Social Security benefits and financing the administrative costs associated with paying such benefits.

Prohibits Congress from passing any law which fully or partially privatizes Social Security, including the establishment of individual investment accounts which replace some or all of the Social Security benefits, which directly or indirectly cause reductions in such benefits, or which are used to finance such benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
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