

## HR 539

Preserving Our Promise to Seniors Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 8, 2011
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 23, 2011

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 23, 2011
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Oct 24, 2011
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2011
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2011
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 15, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3651	Related bill	<b>Dec 4, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
112 HR 3758	Related bill	<b>Jan 3, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
112 S 1876	Related bill	<b>Nov 16, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
112 HR 456	Related bill	<b>Feb 4, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Preserving Our Promise to Seniors Act - Directs the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the Department of Labor to prepare and publish for each calendar month a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPIEC) that indicates changes over time in consumption expenditures typical for individuals in the United States 62 years of age or older.

Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to tie the CPIEC to computation of cost-of-living increases in OASDI benefits.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to disburse a cash payment of \$250 (adjusted for inflation) for each non-COLA year to certain recipients of OASDI benefits, railroad retirement benefits, veterans disability compensation or pension benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under SSA title XVI.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to prescribe special rules for the determination of wages and self-employment income above the contribution and benefit base after 2011.

Amends SSA title II to include surplus average indexed monthly earnings (AIME) in the determination of primary OASDI amounts.

Develops points of order in the House of Representatives and the Senate with respect to consideration of any legislation whose effect would be a program: (1) reducing OASDI benefits in connection with contributions to individual beneficiary accounts in the private sector; or (2) providing for investment of amounts in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund in any investment vehicle other than interest-bearing U.S. obligations or U.S.-guaranteed obligations.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 15, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 14, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Feb 9, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 8, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Rules, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.