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Social Security Fairness Act

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Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 11, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 2, 2019
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Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 5, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 141	Identical bill	Jan 31, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2019)

Social Security Fairness Act

This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government job.

The bill eliminates the *government pension offset*, which in various instances reduces Social Security survivors' benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receives government pensions of their own.

The bill also eliminates the *windfall elimination provision*, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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