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H. R. 2202

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the base and adjusted base amounts used for purposes of determining the amount of Social Security benefits excluded from gross income.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

Mr. RYUN of Kansas (for himself, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Bene-
5 fits Tax Fairness Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN BASE AND ADJUSTED BASE AMOUNTS**2 **OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.**

3 (a) **BASE AMOUNT.**—Paragraph (1) of section 86(c)
4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to base
5 amount) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “\$25,000”
7 and inserting “\$29,000”, and
8 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “\$32,000”
9 and inserting “\$36,000”.

10 (b) **ADJUSTED BASE AMOUNT.**—Paragraph (2) of
11 such Code (relating to adjusted base amount) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “\$34,000”
14 and inserting “\$38,000”, and
15 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “\$44,000”
16 and inserting “\$48,000”.

17 (c) **INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.**—Subsection (c) of sec-
18 tion 86 of such Code (relating to base amount and ad-
19 justed base amount) is amended by adding at the end
20 thereof the following new paragraph:

21 “(3) **INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.**—In the case of
22 any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after
23 2005, each dollar amount contained in paragraphs
24 (1) and (2) shall be increased by an amount equal
25 to—

26 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

1 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
2 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
3 year in which the taxable year begins, by sub-
4 stituting ‘calendar year 2004’ for ‘calendar year
5 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

6 If any increase determined under the preceding sen-
7 tence is not a multiple of \$50, such increase shall
8 be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.”.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
11 December 31, 2004.

