

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 236

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

A BILL

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits.

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 Protec-
5 tion Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES.**

2 Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
3 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(g) POINT OF ORDER TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECU-
6 RITY BENEFITS.—(1) It shall not be in order in the House
7 of Representatives or the Senate to consider any bill or
8 joint resolution, or amendment thereto or conference re-
9 port thereon, that—

10 “(A) reduces or has the effect of reducing any
11 current benefits under the old-age, survivors, and
12 disability insurance programs under title II of the
13 Social Security Act; or

14 “(B) provides for or has the effect of providing
15 for cost-of-living increases of benefits under the old-
16 age, survivors, and disability insurance programs
17 under title II of the Social Security Act that are less
18 than what would be provided under title II of the
19 Social Security Act as of the day of consideration of
20 the applicable measure.

21 “(2) As used in paragraph (1), the term ‘current’,
22 when referring to benefits, means benefits payable as of
23 the day of consideration of the applicable measure.”.

24 **SEC. 3. SUPER-MAJORITY REQUIREMENT IN THE SENATE.**

25 Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
26 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “and
2 312(c)” and inserting “312(c), and 312(g)”; and

3 (2) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “and
4 312(c)” and by inserting “312(c), and 312(g)”.

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