

S. 3655. An act to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to extend the termination date of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

S. 3826. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1304 4th Avenue in Canyon, Texas, as the "Gary James Fletcher Post Office Building".

S. 3884. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 U.S. Highway 41 North in Baraga, Michigan, as the "Cora Reynolds Anderson Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2473. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Penn Avenue in Salem, Ohio, as the "Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office".

H.R. 5441. An act to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5481. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic".

H.R. 6722. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp, California, as the "Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic".

H.R. 6863. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center".

H.R. 6917. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 East Congress Parkway in Crystal Lake, Illinois, as the "Ryan J. Cummings Post Office Building".

H.R. 7518. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23200 John R Road in Hazel Park, Michigan, as the "Roy E. Dickens Post Office".

H.R. 7899. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 75 Commerce Drive in Grayslake, Illinois, as the "Army Specialist Joseph 'Joey' W. Dimock II Post Office Building".

H.R. 7903. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Canton, Michigan, as the "Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic".

H.R. 7925. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm Desert, California, as the "Sy Kaplan VA Clinic".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2473. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Penn Avenue in Salem, Ohio, as the "Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5441. An act to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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patient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

H.R. 884. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a national aviation preparedness plan for communicable disease outbreaks, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 8987. An act to amend the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act to authorize appropriations for catch-up payments from the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5239. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Pro-

gram" (RIN0584-AE72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5240. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benzovindiflupyr; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10088-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5241. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propamocarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10174-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5242. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Employment Transparency Regarding Individuals Who Perform Work in the People's Republic of China (DFARS Case 2022-D010)" (RIN0750-AL61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5243. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Representation Relating to Compensation of Former DoD Officials (DFARS Case 2021-D030)" (RIN0750-AL52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5244. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Housing Rule, Consumer Protection in Sales of Insurance Rule; Technical Correction" (RIN3064-AF84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5245. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5246. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 594) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5247. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2022 Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Oil, Gas, and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf" (RIN1010-AE10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5248. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Circulator Pumps” (RIN1904-AD77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5249. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Boyd and Christian County Limited Maintenance Plans for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS” (FRL No. 10150-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5250. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Emissions Inventory Requirements for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard” (FRL No. 10017-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5251. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan and Operating Permit Program Approval; TN; Electronic Notice (e-notice) Provisions” (FRL No. 10016-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5252. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Maine: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions” (FRL No. 10012-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5253. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Louisiana; Repeal of Excess Emissions Related Provisions” (FRL No. 9955-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5254. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Disapproval; California; Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District” (FRL No. 9873-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5255. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Nonattainment New Source Review Certification SIP” (FRL No. 9823-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5256. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled “Limited Approval, Limited Disapproval of California Air Plan Revisions; California Air Resources Board” (FRL No. 9820-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5257. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Finding of Failure to Attain the Primary 2010 One-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard for the St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 9308-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5258. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Delaware; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Solvent Cleaning and Drying” (FRL No. 9174-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5259. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Revisions to Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings” (FRL No. 9158-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5260. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (21-2.5e)” ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 8805-02-OCSP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5261. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (19-4.F); Correction” (FRL No. 7584-03-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5262. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Texas; Clean Air Requirements for Nonattainment New Source Review” (FRL No. 10200-01-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5263. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Finding of Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS; Coachella Valley, California, and West Mojave Desert, California” (FRL No. 10218-01-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5264. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare

and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2023” (RIN0938-AU48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5265. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2023 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement” (RIN0938-AU71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5266. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2023 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts” (RIN0938-AU71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5267. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Updated Lists of Jurisdictions Under Deposit Interest Rules” (Rev. Proc. 2022-35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5268. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The Medicare Secondary Payer Commercial Repayment Center in Fiscal Year 2021”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5269. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Procedure: Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability” (Rev. Proc. 2022-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5270. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA): Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2021”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5271. A communication from the Attorney, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord with Presidential Proclamation 10414” (RIN0625-AB21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5272. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “2022 Report to Congress—Annual Update: Identification of Quality Measurement Priorities and Associated Funding for the Consensus-Based Entity (currently the National Quality Forum) and Other Entities”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5273. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5274. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material From Guatemala" ((RIN1515-AE76)(CBP Dec. 22-24)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5275. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension and Amendment of Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Mali" ((RIN1515-AE75)(CBP Dec. 22-23)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5276. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5277. A communication from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration" (RIN1205-AC06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5278. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General's budget request for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5279. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5280. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Summary Reporting Requirements Under the Right to Try Act" (RIN0910-A136) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5281. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Calcium Carbonate" (FDA-2017-C-6238) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5282. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs,

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address; Technical Amendments" (RIN1212-AB55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5283. A communication from Associate General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Disclosure of Records under the Freedom of Information Act" (RIN3045-AA59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5284. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a determination concerning a petition to add members to the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5285. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asylum Application, and Employment Authorization for Applicants; Implementation of Vacatur" (RIN1615-AC66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-238. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure projects in the Amite River Basin; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

Whereas, rainfall from hurricanes, tropical storm events, and local storms still pose a significant risk to the communities, ecosystems, and industries in the Amite River Basin; and

Whereas, in August 2016, catastrophic flooding occurred in the Amite River Basin, as well as other areas of the state, due to heavy rains from a slow-moving low-pressure weather system; and

Whereas, rainfall exceeded twenty inches over a forty-eight hour period across a swath of East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and St. Helen Parishes and exceeded the five hundred year storm level causing impacts to the nation's critical infrastructure by shutting both the I-10 and I-12 interstate systems for several days; and

Whereas, while flooding in the Amite River Basin has undoubtedly always been an issue, studies beginning in the 20th century have documented significant basin flood events in 1921, 1928, 1942, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1973, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1990, 1993, 1994, 2001, 2008, and of course the 2016 floods; and

Whereas, the 1979 flood was the flood of record in the Amite River Basin until the April 1983 flood, which was in turn eclipsed by the August 2016 flood; and

Whereas, the Amite River Basin hydraulically connects parts of eight parishes: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, and St.

James Parishes, and a small portion of St. John the Baptist Parish; and

Whereas, the parishes in the Amite River Basin continue to suffer from riverine flooding and the people who call the Amite River Basin area home deserve protection for their homes and business, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure projects in the Amite River Basin; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-239. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the legislatures of each state of the United States to pass similar concurrent resolutions calling upon the United States Congress to support legislation and to take such actions as are necessary to review and eliminate all provisions of federal law that reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, the Congress of the United States of America has enacted both the Government Pension Offset (GPO), reducing the spouse and survivor Social Security benefit; and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), reducing the earned Social Security benefits payable to any person who also receives a public pension benefit; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively affects a spouse or survivor receiving a federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit who would also be entitled to a Social Security benefit earned by a spouse; and

Whereas, the GPO formula unfairly reduces the spouse or survivor Social Security benefit by two-thirds of the amount of the federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit received by the spouse or survivor, in many cases completely eliminating the Social Security benefit even though their spouse paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

Whereas, the GPO has a harsh effect on hundreds of thousands of citizens and undermines the original purpose of the Social Security dependent/survivor benefit; and

Whereas, according to recent Social Security Administration figures, more than half a million individuals nationally are affected by the GPO; and

Whereas, the WEP applies to those persons who have earned federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefits, in addition to working in employment covered under Social Security and paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, the WEP unfairly reduces the earned Social Security benefit using an averaged indexed monthly earnings formula and may reduce Social Security benefits for affected persons by as much as one-half of the retirement benefit earned as a public servant in employment not covered under Social Security; and

Whereas, the WEP causes hardworking individuals to lose a significant portion of the Social Security benefits that they earned themselves; and

Whereas, according to recent Social Security Administration figures, more than one and a half million individuals nationally are affected by the WEP; and