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Use this form only for **BILL** drafts. Attach more pages if necessary.

Legislator, agency or other body requesting this draft: representative Meyerhofer

Date: 3/18/99 Person submitting request (name, phone number): David Zehren 6-2418

Persons to contact for questions about this draft (names, phone numbers): same as above

Describe the problem, including any helpful examples.
How do you want to solve the problem?

Please place the following Joint Resolution in a proper format. see following page.

Under lines 1. and 2. at the bottom, please replace state with Wisconsin. Under line 3., please replace legislative chamber with Wisconsin State Assembly

Please attach a copy of any correspondence or other material that may help us.

If you know of any statute sections that might be affected, list them or provide a marked-up (not retyped) copy. _____

You may attach a marked-up (not retyped) copy of any LRB draft, or provide its number (e.g., 1997 LRB-2345/1 or 1995 AB-67): _____

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- May we tell others that we are working on this for you? Yes No
- If yes: Anyone who asks? Yes No Any legislator? Yes No Only the following persons: _____

Do you consider this request urgent? Yes No If yes, please indicate why: _____

Should we give this request priority over any other pending request of this legislator, agency or body? Yes No If yes, sign your name here: _____

Social Security First Resolution

WHEREAS,

Social Security provides American workers with universal, contributory, wage related, inflation-proof benefits in the event of the retirement, disability or death of a primary wage earner; **and**

WHEREAS,

Social Security is more than a retirement program-- it is a family program. Without Social Security, about 54% of America's seniors and more than 15 million beneficiaries overall would be living in poverty. About 98% of children under age 18 can count on monthly cash benefits if a working parent dies; **and**

WHEREAS,

Over the course of its existence as a federal program, Social Security's trustees and administrators have carefully modified the benefit and financing structure thereby ensuring the program's viability in light of major demographic trends and economic developments; **and**

WHEREAS,

In his State of the Union address the President urged Congress to save Social Security first and dedicate the majority of the projected surplus to shoring up the Solvency of Social Security; **and**

WHEREAS,

The long term solvency of Social Security can be ensured for future generations with reasonable and timely adjustments to the program made by Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The legislature of the state of state respectfully memorializes the federal government to use the budget surplus to strengthen Social Security and Medicare to ensure the continued financial viability of these essential programs.
2. The legislature of the state of state further memorializes the federal government to take immediate steps to ensure that Social Security remain a universal, mandatory, contributory social insurance system where risk is pooled among all workers, rather than transferred to each individual worker.
3. The Clerk of the legislative chamber transmit copies of this resolution to the state delegation to the United States Congress.



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to use a majority of the budget surplus to
2 strengthen social security.

3 Whereas, social security provides American workers with universal,
4 contributory, wage-related, inflation-proof benefits in the event of the retirement,
5 disability or death of a primary wage earner; and

6 Whereas, social security is more than a retirement program ~~it~~^{is} it is a family
7 program. Without social security, about 54% of America's seniors and more than 15,000,000
8 ~~million~~ beneficiaries overall would be living in poverty. About 98% of children under
9 age 18 can count on monthly cash benefits if a working parent dies; and

10 Whereas, over the course of its existence as a federal program, social security's
11 trustees and administrators have carefully modified the benefit and financing
12 structure, thereby ensuring the program's viability in light of major demographic
13 trends and economic developments; and

1 Whereas, in his State of the Union address the President urged Congress to
2 save social security first and dedicate the majority of the projected surplus to shoring
3 up the solvency of social security; and

4 Whereas, the long-term solvency of social security can be ensured for future
5 generations with reasonable and timely adjustments to the program made by
6 Congress; now, therefore, be it

7 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** The legislature of
8 the state of Wisconsin memorializes the federal government to use the budget
9 surplus to strengthen social security and Medicare to ensure the continued financial
10 viability of these essential programs; and, be it further

11 **Resolved, That** the legislature further memorializes the federal government
12 to take immediate steps to ensure that social security remains a universal,
13 mandatory, contributory social insurance system where risk is pooled among all
14 workers, rather than transferred to each individual worker; and, be it further

15 **Resolved, That** the assembly ~~clerk~~ ^{shall} clerk transmit copies of this joint resolution
16 to the President of the United States, to the president and secretary of the ^{U.S.} senate ~~of~~
17 ~~the United States~~, to the speaker and clerk of the ^{U.S.} house of representative ~~of the~~
18 ~~United States~~ and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state.

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**SUBMITTAL
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 3/19/99

To: Representative Meyerhofer

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-2542

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction

Lee Meyerhofer

in the **Senate** ____ or the **Assembly** (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached _____.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction _____.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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