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**Dykman, Peter**

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**From:** Rostan, Jason  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2000 9:29 AM  
**To:** Dykman, Peter

Here is the language for an Assembly Joint Resolution that Rep. Hundertmark would like drafted. If you need anything else or have any questions, please call me at 6-3794. Thanks

Jason Rostan  
Legislative Assistant  
Representative Jean Hundertmark



Social Security AJR.doc

Relating to: memorializing Congress to pass "The Senior Citizen's Freedom to Work Act", or H.R. 5, eliminating the Social Security earnings limit.

Whereas, under current law, Social Security recipients, aged 65 to 69, have their benefits reduced by one dollar for every three dollars that they earn above \$17,000 annually; and

Whereas, this limit costs about 800,000 recipients all or part of their benefits; and

Whereas, this limit produces the appearance of a 33 percent tax in addition to income and payroll taxes that seniors already have to pay; and

Whereas, the Social Security earnings cap does not provide the federal government with additional revenue as the lost benefits are returned as increased Social Security payments once the recipient reaches the age of 70; and

Whereas, a noted economist believes that elimination of the earnings cap would allow seniors to work enough hours that it would equal the equivalent of adding 70,000 full-time workers to the nations workforce; and

Whereas, in a limited labor market with only 4% unemployment, we must encourage our trained, skilled seniors to continue to be productive members of society through continued employment; now, therefore, it be

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature urge Congress to enact "The Senior Citizen's Freedom to Work Act" (H.R. 5) eliminating the Social Security earnings limit; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.



# 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

*Today*

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to pass "The Senior Citizen's Freedom to Work  
 2 Act" ~~H.R. 5~~ <sup>H.R. 5</sup> eliminating the Social Security earnings limit. *who are*  
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 4 their benefits reduced by ~~one dollar~~ <sup>\$1</sup> for every ~~three dollars~~ <sup>\$3</sup> that they earn above  
 5 \$17,000 annually; and  
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 8 Whereas, this limit produces the appearance of a 33% <sup>of</sup> tax in addition to  
 9 income and payroll taxes that senior <sup>citizens</sup> already have to pay; and  
 10 Whereas, the Social Security earnings cap does not provide the federal  
 11 government with additional revenue <sup>because</sup> the lost benefits are returned as increased  
 12 Social Security payments once ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> recipient reaches the age of 70; and  
 13 Whereas, a noted economist believes that elimination of the earnings cap would  
 14 allow seniors to work enough hours that it would be equivalent to adding 70,000  
 15 full-time workers to the nations workforce; and



**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: 02/28/2000

To: Representative Hundertmark

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-4642

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction Rep. Jim Hundertmark  
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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