

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 67

October 15, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives PETROWSKI, BIES, SUDER, DUFF, MUSSER, ALBERS, LASSA, LOEFFELHOLZ, STARZYK, WALKER, SCHNEIDER, LADWIG, OWENS, KRAWCZYK, NASS, URBAN, GUNDRUM, MONTGOMERY, TOWNSEND, PETTIS, M. LEHMAN, RHOADES, MCCORMICK, SYKORA, OTT, F. LASEE, GUNDERSON, GARD, MILLER, D. MEYER, LIPPERT, SKINDRUD, HUNDERTMARK and SHILLING, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, LAZICH, SCHULTZ, PLACHE, ROESSLER and HARSDORF. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

- 1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to pass House Resolution 97, the Notch
2 Fairness Act of 2001.
- 3 Whereas, the “Notch problem” refers to the disparity in Social Security benefits
4 paid to the nearly 9,000,000 people born from 1917 through 1926 and those paid to
5 people born before and after them with similar work and earnings records; and
- 6 Whereas, individuals born during the “Notch period” served the nation and
7 sacrificed during World War II; and
- 8 Whereas, House Resolution 97 proposes to amend Title II of the Social Security
9 Act to allow workers who attained age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either
10 lump sum payments over 4 years totaling \$5,000 or an improved benefit computation
11 formula under a new 10–year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit
12 computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977; and
- 13 Whereas, in order to save Social Security, Congress passed legislation in 1977
14 which changed the way in which benefits were calculated, starting with retirees who

1 were born in 1917, resulting in a shortfall in benefits of almost 25% in some
2 instances; now, therefore, be it further

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
4 the state of Wisconsin hereby memorializes Congress to pass legislation to amend
5 Title II of the Social Security Act to resolve the disparity between “Notch individuals”
6 and others by passing the settlement contained in House Resolution 97, the Notch
7 Fairness Act of 2001; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
9 resolution to the governor of Wisconsin, to each member of the Wisconsin
10 congressional delegation, to the President and Vice President of the United States,
11 to each member of the President’s cabinet, and to the secretary of the U.S. senate and
12 the clerk of the U.S. house of representatives.

13 (END)