

NARFE's Legislative Priorities - 111th U. S. Legislative Session

There are two major legislative issues which have been identified as important to NARFE members in Texas and nationally. Establishing an issue as "priority" is based on the economic impact that such a bill, if passed, would have on our membership. Below you will find listed both of NARFE's priority issues, Premium Conversion and GPO/WEP Repeal. You will note the listing includes bill number, senior author, his/her party and state and the number of cosponsors (in parenthesis) as of this date.

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Priority Issues

Pre-tax FEHBP Premiums (Premium Conversion)

H.R. 1203 Rep Chris Van Hollen D-MD (210) Allows civilian and military retirees to pay FEHBP premiums with pre-tax dollars. Would result in \$500-\$950 annual savings for most federal annuitants (Average annual savings = \$820 per retiree).
S. 491 Sen. Jim Webb D-VA (48)

GPO/WEP Repeal

H. R. 235 Rep. Howard Berman D-CA (324) **Repeal:** eliminates both Social Security penalties, GPO & WEP
S. 484 Sen. Dianne Feinstein D-CA (31)

NARFE Supported Issues

WEP - Windfall Elimination Provision

Revision/Modification

Over 972,000+ CSRS Annuitants/Social Security beneficiaries currently impacted (as of December 2008); 60,000 more are added annually.

GPO - Government Pension Offset

Revision/Modification

465,000+ CSRS Annuitants/Social Security beneficiaries currently impacted (as of December 2008); 15,000 more added annually.

**Toll-free number 1-866-220-0044 for contacting your representative and/or senators re:
Premium Conversion, GPO/WEP Repeal, et al.**

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NARFE's Legislative Priorities - 110th U. S. Legislative Session (2007 - 2008)

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Pre-tax FEHBP Premiums (Premium Conversion)

H.R. 1110 Rep. Tom Davis R-VA (341) Allows civilian and military retirees to pay FEHBP premiums with pre-tax dollars. Would result in \$500-\$950 annual savings for most federal annuitants (Average annual savings = \$820 per retiree).
S. 773 Sen. John Warner R-VA (60)

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GPO/WEP Repeal

Repeal **Repeal:** eliminates both Social Security penalties, GPO & WEP
H. R. 82 Rep. Howard Berman D-CA (341)
S. 206 Sen. Dianne Feinstein D-CA (38)

James I. Mallett and Edward Uvacek - Chapter Coordinators

WEP - Windfall Elimination Provision

Revision/Modification

H.R. 726 Rep. Barney Frank D-MA (20) Over 972,000+ CSRS Annuitants/Social Security beneficiaries currently impacted (as of December 2008); 60,000 more are added annually.
H. R. 2772 Rep. Kevin Brady R-TX (22)^{1/}
S. 1647 Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison R-TX (1)^{1/}

Edward Uvacek - Chapter Coordinator

GPO - Government Pension Offset

Revision/Modification

H.R. 2988 (Rep. A.R. Wynn D-MD (1) 465,000+ CSRS Annuitants/Social Security beneficiaries currently impacted (as of December 2008); 15,000 more added annually.
S. 1254 Sen. Barbara Mikulski D-MD (9)

James I. Mallett - Chapter Coordinator

^{1/} Companion bills in House and Senate. Not "supported" by NARFE. These bills do not benefit current retirees. See p. 14, Dec. 2007 Issue NARFE magazine.

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