
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URING PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE U.S. CONGRESS TO NOT PRIVATIZE
SOCIAL SECURITY.

1 WHEREAS, on April 14, 1935, Social Security was signed into
2 law by President Roosevelt, and has helped children, the
3 elderly, and those with disabilities to stay above the poverty
4 level for over seventy years; and
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6 WHEREAS, without Social Security today, almost fifty
7 percent of the U.S. senior population would live in poverty
8 compared to approximately ten percent who actually live in
9 poverty; and
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11 WHEREAS, because of this effect, Social Security is one of
12 the most successful insurance programs ever created; and
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14 WHEREAS, opponents of Social Security believe that baby
15 boomers, when they become dependents of the system, will skew
16 the proportion of working adults to Social Security recipients
17 down to 1.27 in 2030, thereby predicting a balance of zero in
18 the Social Security reserve by 2042; and
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20 WHEREAS, although this is seen as a pitfall, the ratio of
21 worker to dependent is still higher than that of 1960 where
22 there were only 1.5 workers contributing to funds per each
23 dependent; and
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25 WHEREAS, when Social Security was created, it followed a
26 pay as you go system, and therefore, Social Security will never
27 go bankrupt and shut down, but will instead revert back to its
28 previous system as it performed before 1984; and
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30 WHEREAS, because of the prediction of foreseen problems
31 related to Social Security, the Federal government would like to
32 institute private investment accounts where the initial

1 estimated start up price ranges close to \$1 trillion but may go
2 up as high as \$3 trillion; and
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4 WHEREAS, according to the Center for Budget and Policy
5 Priorities, this plan may result in \$1.4 trillion in national
6 debt over the first ten years and add \$4.9 trillion in debt over
7 the next ten years; and
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9 WHEREAS, by creating private investment accounts which
10 divert money into private accounts, additional risks such as
11 retirement when stock markets are down, investing in bad stocks,
12 and high management fees must also be taken into consideration;
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15 WHEREAS, the analogy of fixing the problem of a leaky sink
16 by destroying an entire house is much like what the Federal
17 government is planning to do when they eradicate the current
18 Social Security policy and replace it with private investment
19 accounts; and
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21 WHEREAS, Social Security, which is seen as a safety net for
22 retired workers who spend an average of twenty years in
23 retirement after age 65, serves as a protection against
24 inflation due to its cost of living adjustments and allows
25 purchasing power and non-declining benefits; and
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27 WHEREAS, without Social Security, many of our elderly would
28 live in poverty due to a shortage of saved income, pension
29 funds, and also the rising cost of inflation; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Hawaii Silver
32 Legislature of 2005, the House of Representatives concurring,
33 that the Bush Administration and the U.S. Congress are urged to
34 not privatize Social Security; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
38 United States, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives,
39 the President of the U.S. Senate, and Hawaii's Congressional
40 Delegation.