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GPO/WEP UPDATE

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Just prior to congressional adjournment in December (12/16/11), Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the Senate version of GPO/WEP called The Social Security Fairness Act of 2011 (S. 2010), which would repeal the unfair Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The bill was referred to the Senate Finance Committee. This bill is a companion to the House version (H.R. 1332), introduced 4//11 by Representatives McKeon (R-CA) and Berman (D-CA).

You can urge Senators to cosponsor the bill via NEAs [Legislative Action Center](http://capwiz.com/nea/issues/alert/?alertid=59458501) (<http://capwiz.com/nea/issues/alert/?alertid=59458501>).

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White House **[1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)**

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