

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker and members, LR 268 deals with "notch babies" and you are currently receiving a handout right now that gives you a definition of just what a "notch baby" is. It defines the number of years that those people fall into, "notch babies" were put in the situation that they are in in 1977. It deals with the Social Security System and how we pay beneficiaries. Currently under...with the "notch baby" program that is in effect or that was adopted in '77, the reason it came about was, there was a problem in terms of the Social Security System and the way we were paying out, the way the old system worked. It dealt with...it had provisions in it that allowed for inflationary increases and projections based on the old system that were brought forth showed that the Social Security System and the funding would be in dire straits if we continued with that system as it was in effect. So the "notch babies" were a five year division that were eased in to allow for a change that structured the Social Security System that made it more financially able to meet the requirements, left it in good shape, but it affected these people; that fell in those five years that would retire or reach age 62 sometime during those five years. What it does, if you flip over to the back side of the handout, there are three charts that are also listed. If you see on the left-hand side, the left-hand chart shows you the workers who were born before 1917 and who retired before June of '82. If you flip, or look at the right-hand chart, you see where workers who were born before 1917 but retired after June of '82 and then in the middle you will see the chart that is enclosed for the "notch babies". If you will just look at three years on all three of those charts and compare them across the board, you will get an idea of the discrepancy or the difference in the amounts that these people receive in these three different categories. If you look at 5,600; 6,000 and the \$10,000 figures on the average yearly earnings, you will see that in the left-hand column those people who retired before June of '82, at 5,600 received \$465 roughly. At \$6,000 average annual income they receive \$487 and that at a 10,000 they received \$671. The "notch babies" for the 5,600 in comparison received \$370 for 5,600 and \$388 for 6,000. When you get up to the 10,000 they receive \$534. There is a wide discrepancy there, nearly a hundred dollars in all cases or more when you get up to \$10,000. We are looking at a \$140 per month difference in the amount that these people receive. If you take it over and compare the "notch baby"