

to those people who were born before 1970 and retired after June of '82, there is an even greater discrepancy. For \$10,000 comparison between the "notch baby" and the person born before 1970 and retired after '82 there is a \$265 difference in their monthly amount that they receive. Of course these are maximum amounts that are listed. But I want you to know that there is a great discrepancy here. What the resolution says, the resolution says that we are asking Congress, "The Legislature hereby requests the Congress and President of the United States to enact legislation equalizing old age benefit levels received under the Social Security program for all persons with similar wage histories, regardless of the date when such persons reached 62 years of age." All we are asking Congress to do is to treat everyone who has the same wage history equally. Currently we have three systems. We have the old program prior to the "notch", we have the "notch" and we have the "new program". What our resolution says is, please treat all people who have the same wage histories equally. This can do nothing but make the Social Security System a fair one. I think right now what has happened is that we have "notch babies", as they are called, who are treated differently than one or the other of the two groups and who will stick out as a sore thumb. I think that the fairest way for Congress to deal with the whole Social Security problem is base the entire system on equal wage histories no matter when a person reaches the age of 62. I would appreciate your support in the adoption of this resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Labeledz.

**SENATOR LABEDZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. I strongly support LR 268, in fact I am a co-sponsor and I think Senator Hall did a fantastic job explaining what the "notch babies" are. Incidentally, I strongly support this resolution because as the old saying goes, "I are one." I was born in 1919, I am now under Social Security and I know why these people are so upset. The benefit "notch" can probably most clearly be illustrated by comparing the workers who reach age 62 just a few days apart but get benefits computed under different methods. I'm sure that there are people in your district that have approached you and expect the Legislature to do something about it. But, in no way can we do anything about it. It has to be Congress. The House Resolution now introduced is HR-1917