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Bill introduced to repeal GPO and WEP NARFE

The Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision have an impact on more than two million retirees by taking away their earned Social Security benefits, costing them thousands of dollars of income each year. Recently introduced in the House by Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Illinois, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2015 (H.R. 973) aims to repeal these two unfair provisions. The GPO prevents retirees who receive a government annuity based on work in non-Social Security-covered employment from collecting full Social Security benefits based on their spouse's work. The WEP greatly reduces the Social Security benefit of retirees who worked in Social Security-covered employment and who also receive an annuity based on their non-Social Security-covered government jobs. The GPO and WEP penalize individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service.

NARFE supports H.R. 973 and the repeal of the GPO and WEP. Now available on the Legislative Action Center is an action letter you can send to your members of Congress, urging them to cosponsor H.R. 973 or thanking them for supporting this legislation.

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### Bill would switch federal pensions to 'high five' system Federal Times

Federal employees would see their pension calculations changed from the average of their highest three years of pay to the average of their highest five years of pay, under a new bill introduced March 4. The legislation, introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-Ark., would go into effect Jan. 1, 2017, and would save \$3.1 billion over a 10-year period, according to calculations by the Congressional Budget Office.