

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2924

To guarantee the timely payment of social security benefits in March 1996.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 1996

Mr. ARCHER (for himself, Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SHAW, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HAYES, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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The Committee on Ways and Means discharged; considered and passed

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## A BILL

To guarantee the timely payment of social security benefits  
in March 1996.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TIMELY PAYMENT OF MARCH 1996 SOCIAL SE-**  
4 **CURITY BENEFITS GUARANTEED.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—

1           (1) Congress intends to pass an increase in the  
2 public debt limit before March 1, 1996.

3           (2) In the interim, social security beneficiaries  
4 should be assured that social security benefits will be  
5 paid on a timely basis in March 1996.

6           (b) GUARANTEE OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT  
7 PAYMENTS.—In addition to any other authority provided  
8 by law, the Secretary of the Treasury may issue under  
9 chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, obligations of  
10 the United States before March 1, 1996, in an amount  
11 equal to the monthly insurance benefits payable under title  
12 II of the Social Security Act in March 1996.

13          (c) OBLIGATIONS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DEBT  
14 LIMIT.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Obligations issued under  
16 subsection (b) shall not be taken into account in ap-  
17 plying the limitation in section 3101(b) of title 31,  
18 United States Code.

19           (2) TERMINATION OF EXEMPTION.—Paragraph  
20 (1) shall cease to apply on the earlier of—

1           (A) the date of the enactment of the first  
2           increase in the limitation in section 3101(b) of  
3           title 31, United States Code, after the date of  
4           the enactment of this Act, or

5           (B) March 15, 1996.

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