

On the subject of SOCIAL SECURITY...

Our Senators and Congresswomen DO NOT pay into Social Security and, of course, they do not collect from it.

You see, Social Security benefits were not suitable for persons of their rare elevation in society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves. So, many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan. In more recent years, no congressperson has felt the need to change it; after all, it is a great plan.

For all practical purposes their plan works like this:

When they retire, they continue to draw the same pay until they die.

Except it may increase from time to time for cost-of-living adjustments.

For example, Senator Byrd and Congressman Hyde and their spouses may expect to draw \$7,800, 000.00 (that's seven million, eight-hundred thousand dollars), with their spouses drawing \$275, 000.00 during the last years of their lives.

This is calculated on an actuarial life span for each of those two dignitaries.

Younger dignitaries, who retire at an early age, will receive much more during the rest of their lives.

Their cost for this excellent plan to the participants is \$0.00 (zero) -- NADA -- ZILCH.

This little perk they voted for themselves is free to them as tax payers pick up the tab for this plan. The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Funds;

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!?

From our own Social Security Plan, which you and I pay (or have paid) into, every payday until we retire (which amount is matched by our employer). We can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement. (Given that there exists anything in the fund.)

Or, in other words, we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 monthly benefits for another 68 years and one (1) month to equal [let's say] former Senator Bill Bradley's benefits!

The Social Security program could be very good if only one small change were to be made.

That change would be to:

Jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan out from under the Senators and Congressmen, and put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us...

Then sit back..... And see how fast they would fix it.

If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe good changes will evolve.