

Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr. (FL-22) **Preserving Social Security and Medicare**

Strengthening All Aspects of Social Security

Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee's Social Security Subcommittee

Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act (Public Law 106-182)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Repeals the Social Security retirement earnings penalty which unfairly penalized seniors who continued working after age 65.
- Enables these individuals to work without their benefits being reduced.
- Unanimously passed the House and Senate, was signed into law 4/7/00.

Keeping the Social Security Promise Initiative (H.Con. Res. 282)

- Sponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Expresses the sense of Congress that Social Security must be saved, without cutting benefits or raising taxes.
- House passed 415-5 on 12/12/01.

Social Security Guarantee Plus Plan (H.R. 3497)

- Sponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Saves Social Security for the next 75 years and beyond - confirmed by Social Security's official scorekeepers.
- Guarantees full promised benefits for all Americans.
- Allows workers to accumulate real assets in voluntary personal accounts to back Social Security benefits and that could be inherited by heirs.
- Does not touch one dime of the Social Security Trust Fund, does not cut benefits or raise taxes, and does not privatize the program.

Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (H.R. 122)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Repeals the 1993 tax on Social Security benefits. In 1993, President Clinton increased the tax on Social Security benefits to help raise revenue for the Medicare program.
- The tax imposes an unfair burden on millions of seniors who have worked and saved to build a secure retirement.
- Congressman Shaw voted against the original 1993 tax.

Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act of 2002 (H.R. 4069)

- Sponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Improves women's financial security by enhancing Social Security benefits for certain elderly and disabled widows and divorced spouses.
- House passed 418-0 on 5/14/02.

Social Security Program Protection Act of 2002 (H.R. 4070)

- Sponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Increases protections against misuse of funds by persons managing benefits for Social Security beneficiaries who are unable to manage their own financial affairs, provides enhanced tools to fight fraud, and helps individuals with disabilities gain access to representation.
- House passed 425-0 on 6/26/02.

Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act (H.R. 2036)

- Sponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Increases Social Security number privacy, better protecting Americans from being victimized by identity thieves.

Improving and Modernizing Medicare

Speaker's Prescription Drug Task Force, Member

Congressional Alzheimer's Task Force, Member

House Cancer Awareness Working Group, Member

Congressional Diabetes Caucus, Member

Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act of 2002 (H.R. 4954)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Creates a permanent prescription drug entitlement under Medicare that is available to all seniors.
- Creates new benefit of initial physical examination and coverage for cholesterol screening.
- Includes Shaw provision to increase payments for mammography services.
- Improves beneficiaries' access to health care services by modifying Medicare payments to health providers.
- House passed on 6/28/02.

Providing Annual Pap Tests to Save Women's Lives (H.R. 1202)

- Sponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Provides Medicare coverage for annual pap tests and pelvic exams.

Access to Cancer Therapies Act (H.R. 1624)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Provides Medicare coverage for all oral cancer drugs.

Preserving Patient Access to Physicians Act (H.R. 3882)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Improves beneficiaries' access to doctors by increasing physicians' Medicare payments.
- Provision included in House-passed H.R. 4954.

American Hospital Preservation Act (H.R. 1556)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Improves beneficiaries' access to hospitals by increasing hospitals' Medicare payments.
- Provision included in House-passed H.R. 4954.

Medicare+Choice Improvement and Stabilization Act (H.R. 3584)

- Cosponsored by Congressman Shaw.
- Improves beneficiaries' access to health care choices by strengthening the Medicare+Choice program.
- Provision included in House-passed H.R. 4954.