

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3442, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. MURPHY OF FLORIDA**

At the end, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT SOCIAL SECURITY DOES**  
2 **NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEFICIT AND**  
3 **SHOULD BE PROTECTED.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Social Security is the heart of economic se-  
6 curity for American workers, allowing them to earn  
7 comprehensive birth-to-death protection against the  
8 loss of wages due to death, old age, or disability.

9 (2) Social Security works the same for all  
10 American workers. Through hard work and lifelong  
11 contributions, Americans earn guaranteed benefits  
12 for themselves and their families.

13 (3) Social Security is financially strong and  
14 even if no changes are made, it can pay full benefits  
15 for almost two decades and three-quarters of bene-  
16 fits thereafter.

17 (4) Social Security is extremely efficient, with  
18 administrative costs that are less than one percent  
19 of Social Security's benefit payments.

1           (5) American workers contribute to Social Secu-  
2           rity with each paycheck. Social Security cannot def-  
3           icit-spend. It can only pay out what's in its Trust  
4           Fund. Congress would have to pass a law to allow  
5           Social Security to add to our debt.

6           (6) Preserving Social Security's protections and  
7           long term future can be done fairly and equitably.

8           (7) Social Security lifts more than 21,000,000  
9           Americans out of poverty.

10          (8) The Social Security Administration Office  
11          of the Chief Actuary reports that for each year that  
12          the Social Security Retirement Age is raised, every  
13          American worker's monthly benefit will be cut by 6.5  
14          percent.

15          (9) Across the board benefit cuts from raising  
16          the retirement age will plunge more seniors into pov-  
17          erty.

18          (10) Reductions to the cost-of-living-adjustment  
19          compound over the course of a worker's retirement  
20          and the oldest Americans would experience the larg-  
21          est cuts.

22          (11) The majority of Americans of all ages and  
23          in all parts of the country believe that Social Secu-  
24          rity is an essential earned benefit that prevents mil-

1        lions of Americans from falling into poverty due to  
2        age or disability without contributing to the deficit.

3        (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4        gress that Social Security is not the cause of our deficit  
5        as it cannot deficit-spend and benefits should not be cut.

