

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10—Committee on

Government Affairs

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to oppose the extension of mandatory Social Security coverage to newly hired state and local governmental employees.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States assigns certain powers and responsibilities to the Federal Government and reserves the balance of those powers and responsibilities to the individual states; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1930s when the Social Security System was established, public employees were excluded from participation; and

WHEREAS, Many pension plans of state and local governments have elected to complement their own pension programs through coverage under the Social Security System; and

WHEREAS, Other public pension plans, including the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada, decided not to participate in the national Social Security System, but rather to provide their own independent and excellent programs of retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, Mandatory Social Security coverage of newly hired state and local governmental employees in the State of Nevada will seriously disrupt our well-founded Public Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, There is no evidence to support the idea that mandatory Social Security coverage of newly hired public employees will solve the funding problems of the national Social Security System; and

WHEREAS, There are serious constitutional and administrative problems with the extension of mandatory Social Security coverage to newly hired public employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Legislature of the State of Nevada hereby express their strong opposition to the extension of mandatory Social Security coverage to newly hired state and local governmental employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to oppose all efforts to extend mandatory Social Security coverage to newly hired state and local governmental employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.