

# NEA Federal and State Legislative Update

*A weekly review of progress on the Quality Public Schools Agenda and other legislation that impacts our students, classrooms and public education.*

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## **Social Security Offsets Hearing Scheduled**

The Senate Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy, chaired by Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), will hold a hearing on the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The subcommittee will accept written submissions for the record. (*GPO and WEP: Policies Affecting Pensions from Work Not Covered by Social Security, Nov. 6, 2007*). Statements must:

- Be typewritten and single-spaced;
- Not exceed 10 pages in length; and
- The first page must clearly state your full name, address and the title and date of the hearing.

Statements must be received no later than two weeks after the hearing. Statements must be **MAILED** (not faxed) to:

Senate Committee on Finance  
Attn. Editorial and Document Section  
Rm. SD-203  
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-6200

## **Tell Congress to Protect Academic Freedom and the Free, Open Exchange of Ideas**

The so-called "Academic Bill of Rights" seeks to direct speech and politicize academic content in higher education institutions. NEA opposes this proposal as it would chill free speech and academic freedom on college campuses.

**Action needed:** Contact your Members of Congress today. Tell your representative to reject any proposals that would stifle the open debate and free exchange of ideas so fundamental to higher education.

<http://capwiz.com/nea/issues/alert/?alertid=10510286&type=co>

Help elect and support Members of Congress who will stand up for students and public education—who understand the value of teachers and education support professionals. Raise your voice.

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