

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2304

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the taxation
of social security benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2000

Mr. SHELBY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase
out the taxation of social security benefits.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PHASEOUT OF TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
4 **BENEFITS.**

5 (a) REPEAL OF INCREASE IN TAX ON SOCIAL SECU-
6 RITY BENEFITS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section
8 86(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relat-
9 ing to social security and tier 1 railroad retirement

1 benefits) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing new flush sentence:

3 “This paragraph shall not apply to any taxable year
 4 beginning after December 31, 1999.”

5 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
 6 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
 7 ning after December 31, 1999.

8 (b) PHASEOUT OF BASE TAX.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 86
 10 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
 11 social security and tier 1 railroad retirement bene-
 12 fits) is amended by adding at the end the following
 13 new paragraph:

14 “(3) PHASEOUT OF BASE TAX.—In the case of
 15 any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after
 16 2000 and before 2005, paragraph (1) shall be ap-
 17 plied by substituting the percentage determined
 18 under the following table for ‘one-half’ each place it
 19 appears:

**“In the case of a taxable
 year beginning in cal-
 endar year:**

The percentage is:

2001	40 percent
2002	30 percent
2003	20 percent
2004	10 percent.”

20 (2) TERMINATION OF BASE TAX.—Paragraph
 21 (1) of section 86(a) of such Code is amended by
 22 adding at the end the following new flush sentence:

1 "This paragraph shall not apply to any taxable year
2 beginning after December 31, 2004."

3 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
4 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
5 ning after December 31, 2000.

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