

No. 9128

(Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution)

CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS LIMIT LAW WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, the earnings limit law often adversely affects many low-income retired persons under 70 years of age who may need to continue some employment; and

WHEREAS, it is discriminatory, since only earned income (that for which you work) counts. Thus, those persons who have no other source of income but Social Security and need further income are unjustly penalized; and

WHEREAS, the earnings limit is based on age, and is discriminatory; and

WHEREAS, the law may penalize production at a time when the United States is losing ground in regard to other nations whose production level has surpassed the United States. This is partly due to the aging of our population, and the loss of qualified persons from the labor force. Senior citizens are rapidly more in demand, but may be shackled by the earnings limit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991, go on record as recommending a change in the Social Security earnings test so that low income persons will not be penalized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of General Minister and President convey to the President and to the Congress of the United States of America, our request for a change of the law.