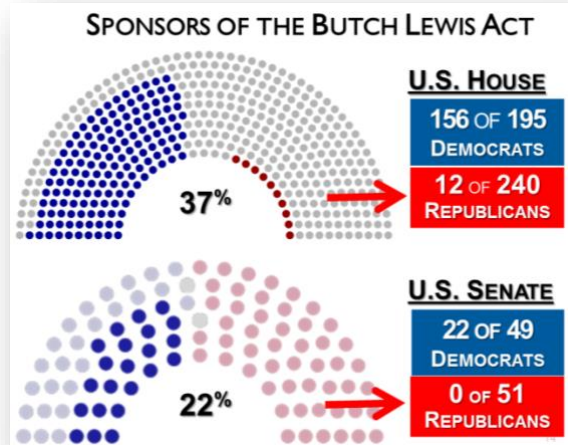


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Update on Proposed Legislation

The Central States Pension Fund supports **any** legislative solution that protects our active and retired participants' pension benefits. That includes the Butch Lewis Act (BLA). We are committed to working constructively to achieve a legislative solution that will provide retirement security to the more than 1 million Americans who depend on their multiemployer pension to live.

The Butch Lewis Act is the only pension legislation that has been introduced in both the House and Senate. However, despite untiring efforts by retirees, actives, local union officers and labor unions throughout the country, the fact remains that the BLA has not received broad bipartisan support. Since it was introduced in November 2017, only 12 Republicans (out of 291) have co-sponsored the BLA. To become law, the BLA must obtain sufficient bipartisan support to pass both houses of Congress and be signed by President Trump.



Labor Day Outreach ... Make Congress Listen!!!

We must keep the pressure on our federal legislators, and specifically, the members of the Congressional Joint Select Committee. The time to take action is now. We encourage all Central States participants and their families to "make certain that Congress listens" this upcoming week:

1. Reach out to your Congressional representatives—again, even if you've already done so. Be sure to emphasize that this issue will impact how you and your family vote in a few weeks and in future elections.
2. Contact the Joint Select Committee members and urge them to do their job and work toward bipartisan legislation that fully solves the multiemployer pension crisis and is fair to all participants—retirees and actives. The work of the Joint Select Committee may be the last, best hope for legislation to protect your pension benefits.
3. Don't let anyone sit on the sidelines. Contact a co-worker, fellow retiree, neighbor etc. and encourage them to get involved. Unless there is massive outreach that gets the attention of our legislators, there is very little chance for success.

Our **website** makes it easy for you to contact your legislators and Joint Select Committee members.

Congressional Town Hall Meetings

Your Congressional representatives need to hear from you, and town hall meetings provide an opportunity for you to share your story about the importance of your pension and how losing it would devastate you and your family. Please consider taking an hour out of your day to attend a town hall meeting in your community. Our **website** allows you to search for local events at which Members of Congress participate. In addition, we will also continue to call participants to alert you when a legislator town hall meeting is happening in your area. Visit **VoicesForPensionSecurity.com** to search for town hall meetings near you.

Stay Informed

As always, your voice is vital. Visit our website regularly at **VoicesForPensionSecurity.com** for updates and actions you can take to protect your hard-earned pension benefits.