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H.R. 397 Passes the House of Representatives

On Wednesday evening, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to approve H.R. 397, the Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act, more commonly referred to as The Butch Lewis Act. The House of Representatives approved the bill in a 264-to-169 vote with 29 Republicans voting in support of the legislation. To read a copy of the bill, or to see if your Representatives supported the legislation, more information is [available here](#).

In addition, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and 26 Democrat co-sponsors, including Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), reintroduced the Butch Lewis Act (S. 2254) in the Senate on July 24. A copy of the press release from Sen. Sherrod Brown with more information on the Senate bill is [available here](#).

Updated Economic Impact Reports

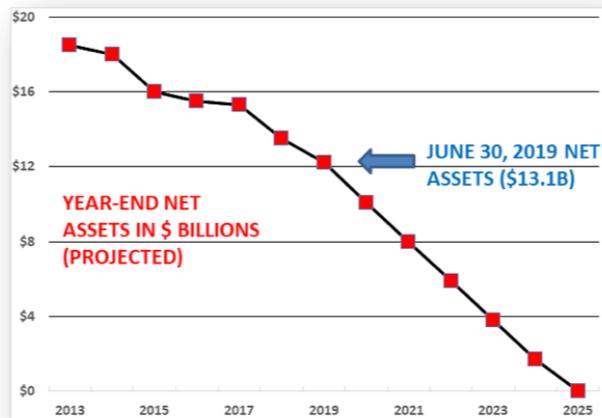
The **Voices for Pension Security** website now has updated [Economic Impact Reports](#) that contain powerful information to support our collective efforts to protect your pension benefits. We encourage Local Unions and participants to use the information found in these economic impact reports when reaching out

can view Central States' economic impact on the website – downloadable reports, an online database, and interactive maps. Data for the economic impact reports is current as of January 1, 2019.

\$13.1 Billion in Assets as of June 30, 2019

Net assets in the Central States Pension Fund were \$13.1 Billion as of June 30, 2019.

Annually, the Pension Fund pays out over \$2.1 billion (\$5.5 million each day) more in benefits than the contributions it receives.



At this rate, the Pension Fund will not be able to pay full pension benefits in 2025 (**65 months from now**).

A legislated solution is the only answer to fix this pension crisis. Your voice is critical. We urge you to act now to protect your pension benefits.

Stay Informed

As always, your voice and your help are vital for success. We encourage you to

actions you can take to make your voice heard. In addition, our website makes it easy for participants to reach out to their legislators to share their personal story of how hard they worked to earn your pension. Participants should be sure to emphasize how important this issue is to them and their family.

Make Your Voice Heard—Congressional Town Hall Meeting Schedule

A reminder that your voice is needed to pressure Congress to deliver a solution to the multiemployer pension crisis. Town hall meetings provide an opportunity for you and your members to share a story about the importance of your pension and the devastating impact losing it would have on you, your family and your community. Please consider taking an hour out of your day to attend a local town hall meeting. A list of upcoming town halls is below:

STATE	ELECTED OFFICIAL	TOWN HALL	DATE	TIME
AL	Sen. Doug Jones (D)	Coastal Alabama Community College	7/26/2019	12:15 PM
FL-22	Rep. Ted Deutch (D)	Highland Beach Library	8/21/2019	5:15 PM
FL-22	Rep. Ted Deutch (D)	Pompano Beach Town Hall	8/21/2019	7:00 PM
GA-4	Rep. Hank Johnson (D)	Lou Walker Senior Center	8/13/2019	6:00 PM
GA-4	Rep. Hank Johnson (D)	Centerville Community Center	9/5/2019	6:00 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Burlington Library	7/29/2019	8:30 AM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Community Center	7/29/2019	10:30 AM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Fredonia Library	7/29/2019	1:30 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	County Courthouse	7/29/2019	3:30 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Oskaloosa Library	7/30/2019	2:00 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Riverfront Community Center	7/30/2019	4:00 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Osage City Council Chambers	7/31/2019	11:30 AM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Ottawa City Hall	7/31/2019	2:00 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Anderson County Town Hall	7/31/2019	4:00 PM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Fort Scott City Hall	8/1/2019	9:30 AM
KS-2	Rep. Steven Watkins (R)	Pittsburg Public Library	8/1/2019	12:30 PM
MI-13	Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D)	Redford Township District Library	7/29/2019	6:00 PM
MI-13	Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D)	Ernest T. Ford Recreation Center	8/2/2019	10:00 AM
MI-13	Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D)	Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center	8/15/2019	6:00 PM
MI-8	Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D)	Bestseller Books and Coffee	8/2/2019	9:00 AM
MI-8	Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D)	Cleary University	8/28/2019	6:30 PM
MN-6	Rep. Tom Emmer (R)	Scandia City Hall	7/31/2019	7:00 PM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	Riceville Volunteer Fire Department	7/31/2019	10:00 AM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	Rutherford County School Board Chambers	7/31/2019	6:00 PM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	Don Gibson Theatre	7/31/2019	2:00 PM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	Hickory District Office	7/31/2019	6:00 PM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	The Don Gibson Theater	8/1/2019	2:00 PM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	Gaston County Courthouse	8/5/2019	6:00 PM
NC-10	Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	Lincoln County Senior Center	8/6/2019	10:00 AM
OH-11	Rep. Marcia Fudge (D)	Tri-C's Corporate College	8/3/2019	10:00 AM
OR-5	Rep. Kurt Schrader (D)	Lake Oswego Adult Community Center	7/31/2019	4:00 PM
TX-16	Rep. Veronica Escobar (D)	Coronado High School Theater	8/3/2019	10:00 AM
WI-5	Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R)	Brookfield Town Hall Meeting	9/14/2019	1:00 PM
WI-5	Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R)	Delafield Town Hall Meeting	9/16/2019	7:00 PM
WI-5	Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R)	Wauwatosa Public Library	9/21/2019	1:00 PM
WI-5	Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R)	Whitewater Municipal Building	9/22/2019	7:00 PM

The above townhall list is based on information as of July 25, 2019.

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