



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

May 20, 1999

**H.R. 758**

**A bill for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 19, 1999*

Under the Social Security Act, a marriage must last at least nine months to qualify for a widow's benefit. H.R. 758 would deem Mrs. Wilson's marriage to have lasted the minimum period. CBO estimates that the bill would increase direct spending by less than \$50,000 over the 1999-2004 period. Those outlays would not be subject to pay-as-you-go rules because they would come from the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, which is off-budget.

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