



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

March 29, 2001

**H.R. 392**

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

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 28, 2001*

Under the Social Security Act, an individual must have been married at least nine months to qualify for a widow's benefit. H.R. 392 would deem Mrs. Wilson's marriage to have lasted the minimum period, thus qualifying her for additional Social Security benefits. CBO estimates that the bill would increase direct spending by about \$50,000 over the 2001-2006 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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