

NOTICE
From The Social Security
Administration

People getting supplemental security income payments shouldn't feel they're being singled out for investigation when contact by Social Security representatives, according to Ed Cocks, social security district manager in Las Vegas.

The supplemental security income program makes monthly payments to people with little or no income and limited resources who are 65 and over or blind or disabled. "The law requires that eligibility for supplemental security income and the amount of the monthly payments be redetermined once a year for everyone getting the payments," Cocks said.

"The Social Security Administration gets in touch with people to get information about income, living arrangements, and other factors that might affect their supplemental security income payments," he said. "This may be done by a questionnaire in the mail or by personal interview in the home or social security office."

Social security representatives are glad to identify themselves, according to Cocks. "They never ask you to give them money to have something done," he said. "It's their duty to help people - in any way they can - to get supplemental security income payments in the right amount."

People can get information about supplemental security income payments by calling, visiting, or writing any social security office. The phone number is 385-6371. The Las Vegas social security office is at 300 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Solar Or Geothermal
Energy
Help To Be Recieved

WASHINGTON - Nevada home and business owners will receive help in covering to solar or geothermal energy for heating their properties under the tax bill being considered in the Senate, Sen. Howard Cannon said today.

The amendment would provide a tax credit for installation of solar heating and cooling equipment. The credit is 40% of the first \$1,000 of qualified expenditures, plus 25% of the next \$6,400 for a maximum credit of \$2,000.

For business, the amount of credit is to be 20% of the qualified solar or geothermal energy equipment installation investment beginning January 1, 1977 through 1981. After that the credit is reduced to 10% through 1986.

Cannon said the legislation is needed "to close the disturbing gap between plans for solar energy and the state of its development."

Work on the bill is expected to be completed soon and will go to a House-Senate Conference to iron out differences.

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Welfare
Decision
'Confusing'

CARSON CITY (AP)-The state Welfare Board has moved to clear up confusion over benefits to families with absent parents. But the change seemed to raise even more questions.

State Welfare Division officials told the panel Tuesday that the policy change will insure that such families can qualify for the benefits after 30 days.

But spokeswomen for welfare recipients argued the policy change could be interpreted by welfare officials to mean that an application for benefits can't be filed until the absent parent has been gone 30 days or more.

Welfare Division officials countered that an application for benefits can be filed as soon as a parent deserts a family.

The Welfare Board also approved a policy change cutting the time in which welfare recipient can challenge a benefit cut from 30 days to 13 days.

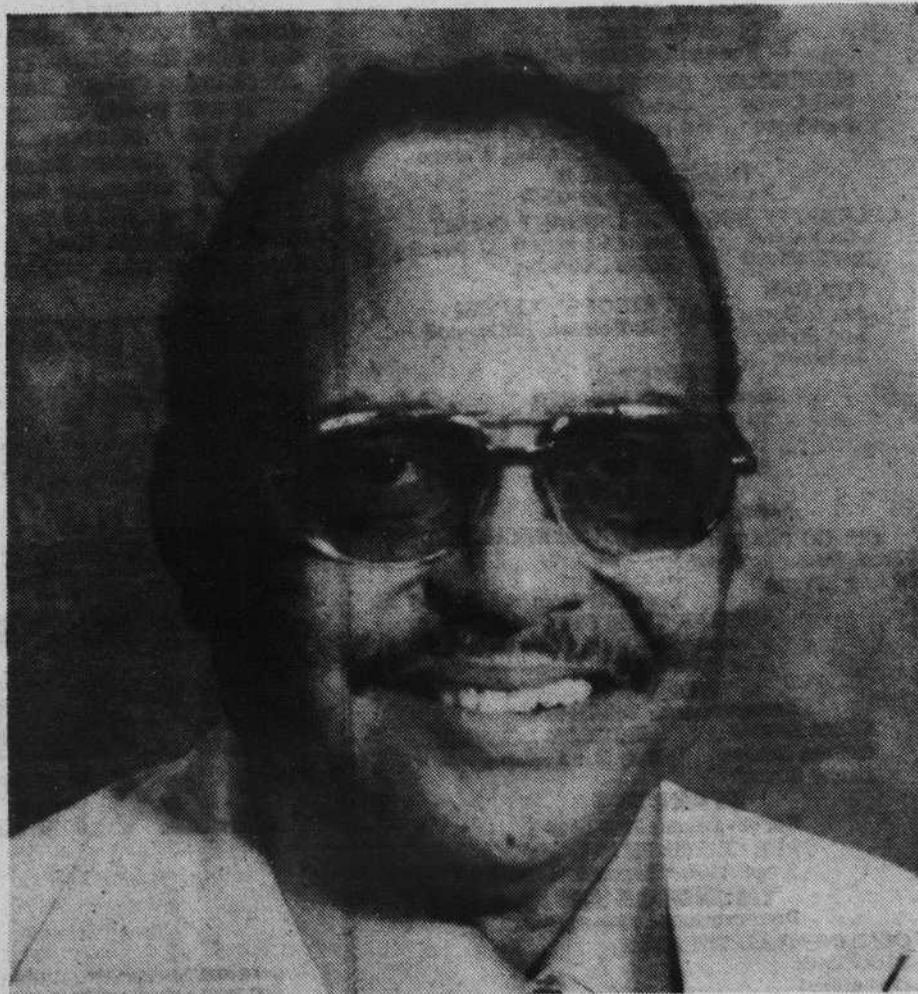
Welfare Division spokesmen said the change would help cut down on "nuisance claims" filed by recipients who know they'll be cut off but who utilize the previous 30-day rule to get extra benefits pending a hearing.

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