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PETITION FOR INQUIRY INTO OVERSEAS PENSION DEDUCTIONS

To the House of Representatives of New Zealand: -
We, the undersigned, respectfully request:

That, due to the widespread dissatisfaction among people affected by Section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964, providing for direct deductions from New Zealand Superannuation and other social security entitlements as a consequence of their receiving pensions administered by foreign governments, the House of Representatives convene a Select Committee Inquiry to inquire into the appropriateness of the legislation and administration applying to such direct deductions.

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Please return to Petition Registrar, 20 Almorah Place, Epsom, Auckland before 12 May 2006.

OVERWORKED!!!

For a couple years I've been blaming it on lack of sleep, not enough sunshine, and too much pressure from my job, ear waxbuild-up, poor blood or anything else I could think of. Now I've found out the real reason I'm tired -- because I'm overworked.

Here's why:

The population of New Zealand is about 4 million. 1.4 million are retired, that leaves 2.6 million to do the work. There are 0.5 million in school, which leaves 2.1 million to do the work. Of this there are 1.2 million directly employed by the government, leaving 0.9 million to do the work. 0.25 million are in the combined armed forces, preoccupied with cleaning their rifles, which leaves 0.65 million to do the work. Take from that total the 0.35 million people who work for Provincial and City Governments, and that leaves 0.3 million to do the work.

At any given time, there are 76,000 people in hospitals, leaving 224,000 to do the work. Now, there are 11,998 people in prisons or awaiting sentence and 212,000 on Employment Insurance and Welfare.

That leaves just two people to do the work. You and Me.

And there you are sitting in your chair, at your computer, reading jokes!!!

Nice. Real Nic!!!

Regards
Marianne

Programme for the Swiss Society of New Zealand Annual General Meeting Queen's Birthday Weekend 3rd and 4th June 2006 at our Clubhouse, Kaponga.

Saturday 3rd June, an informal gathering of members of all the clubs at our clubhouse in Kaponga from 5.00pm onwards. A cover charge of \$10.00 per person for dinner.

Sunday 4th June, at our clubhouse, the finals of the Cowbell competition will be held between Taranaki and either Auckland or Hamilton at 10.00am. Everyone is most welcome to join us even if you aren't taking part in the competition. Lunch will be served around 12 noon. At 2.00pm the AGM of the Swiss Society of New Zealand will be held followed by an afternoon tea. A smorgasbord dinner will be served at 6.30pm at a cost of \$35.00 per person, with entertainment to follow by our local members and the Hawera Brass Band.

We invite all Swiss Society members to participate in this eventful weekend which is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with existing friends and also to make new acquaintances. We look forward to your support!!!

Would secretaries of all the clubs please send Marianne a list of all their participating members? Taranaki members please advise either Othmar Hebler, Heidi Werder or Marianne Drummond of which functions you will be attending by 15 May 2006.

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