



# *Pension Fund Notes*

Newsletter of the American Federation of Musicians and  
Employers' Pension Fund

## **Pension Relief Bill Advances in Congress**

*Tell Your U.S. Senators and The White House to Support It!*

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote on the COVID-19 relief package, which includes the Butch Lewis Emergency Pension Plan Relief Act of 2021.

As we discussed in [a previous issue of \*Pension Fund Notes\*](#), this legislation would provide relief to struggling multiemployer pension plans, including the AFM-EPF. On its face, it appears that this relief would help address the AFM-EPF's financial challenges for decades without the need for benefit reductions. The Plan actuaries are working to complete a thorough analysis of the bill's precise impact.

**If the actuaries' analysis confirms our current understanding - and if the final bill passes without changes that would undermine its impact - the Trustees plan to withdraw our pending application to reduce benefits under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act.**

The Senate is expected to vote on the COVID relief package next week. **Here's what you can do right now:**

1. [Click here](#) to go to the AFM-EPF website for more information and suggestions about what to say to your

- elected officials.
2. Go to [Govtrack.us](https://govtrack.us) and select your state to identify your two U.S. Senators.
  3. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at **202-224-3121**. A switchboard operator will connect you with the Senate office you request. You will either reach a staff member or be asked to leave a voicemail.
  4. [Click here](#) to email your U.S. Senators.
  5. Next, call The White House comment line at **202-456-1111**.
  6. Go to [WhiteHouse.gov/contact](https://whitehouse.gov/contact) to send a comment by email.

We will continue to keep you updated as this crucial legislation moves through the legislative process.

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