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> William Larsen, Republican Age: 46

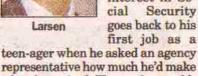
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Engineer Tokheim Corp.

Education: Graduate Harding High School, engineering degree from Purdue University





when he retired. The worker couldn't tell him, and Larsen's been a serious student of the agency ever since.

In order to save the system, Larsen said, Congress must scrap it. He would do away with its bestknown feature - payments to retirees, their spouses and survivors - and let workers keep the Social Security taxes they now pay to finance their own retirement packages.

That, he said, would mean the

average wage earner would keep about \$3,180 a year, or \$106 for every \$1,000 in salary.

War on terrorism: "We need to remind other countries they're either with us or against us," Larsen said. "We have to remember we're dealing with sovereign nations, but we need to take action where it's necessary to protect our interest."

Larsen said the main target should be nations that either possess or are working on developing

weapons of mass destruction. "There, time is critical," he said. Differences between the can-

didates: Larsen said what sets him

apart from the others is simple: "I'm not a career politician."

Larsen called himself a problem solver who believes "the more complicated you make things, the more problems you have. I agree in KISS," he said. "Keep it simple, stupid. That's the way I'd approach representing the district and the people in it."

Politicians like Souder and Helmke, Larsen said, have done little more than pay lip service to the major problems facing the country.

"All the politicians do is talk," he said. "I'm done talking. It's time to do something."

Mark Souder, Republican Age: 51

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