

# Legislative Update/Report

The focus is on 3 pieces of Legislation/Resolutions

1. Senate Joint Resolution SJR 1 (Cortese) The resolution was chartered by the CA Secretary of State in June of this year. It requests that POTUS and US Congress enact legislation to repeal the WEP and GPO from the Social Security Act.
2. HR 82 Social Security Fairness Act of 2023 US House of Representatives (Graves) of LA The bill would repeal the WEP and GPO. It has wide bipartisan support with almost 300 co-sponsors.
3. SB 327 (Laird) Service Retirement Back Dating: currently set for a hearing and in the suspense file in Sacramento. This would reduce the time frame that members may backdate service retirement or service retirement during evaluation of a disability application.

## **CTC TO OFFER “TECH TALKS” TO CALRTA MEMBERS**

By Sue Breyer, State CTC Chair

Can you relate with the cartoon on the right? We’ve all been there... frustrated, exasperated, ready to toss our tech devices into the dumpster. But there’s help on the way. CTC will be offering three (3) “Tech Talks” to address your tech questions, big and small, in an attempt to ease your anxiety. These 3 Zoom sessions will be a time to ask questions, share frustrations, and, perhaps, help others with YOUR expertise! The 3 dates are below. Add them to your calendar! Register NOW by clicking on the link for each specific date (the links are unique to each session).



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 @ 10:00-11:00 am**

<https://forms.gle/EqLZjrYrcXex4eeV8>

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 @ 1:00-2:00 pm**

<https://forms.gle/Me1RpygodfTk9rYq8>

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23 @ 11:00 am-12:00 noon**

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**TECH**   
**TALKS**

## *AI: Artificial Intelligence Already in Our Lives*

By Marilyn Smith (CalRTA September 2023)

If you've been hearing about "AI" becoming more and more dangerous in our lives, here are some ways it's already been in our lives for many years!

~ If you're on any social media site (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), and you've liked or shared or retweeted anything, the site's algorithms (AI) have picked up on those and then produced "recommended" or "for you" or similar categories. Sound familiar? The site's algorithms have zeroed in on your likes, etc., and then sent more of the same your way.

~ If you have a phone or watch or any device into which you can speak commands or requests, it's using AI to interpret your command and then complete it.

~ If you shop online – Amazon, Walmart, temu, etc. – those websites' algorithms use your online searches and choices to make recommendations for future purchases. These sites also know your location, time of day, etc.

~ If you use your thumb or index finger or face to unlock your phone, tablet, or computer, you're using AI. Passcodes/passwords that have to be typed in aren't AI, but biometric security methods are!

~ If you drive using Google or Apple Maps to help you navigate, especially if you ask your device to find the best route (less traffic, fewer turns, etc.), AI is at work to help you.

~ If you write emails, letters, text messages, etc., on your phone, tablet, or computer, "autocorrect" and "autocomplete" are examples of AI usage. Those corrections aren't always right (for example, adding "it's" when you mean "its"), but they are impressive overall!

You can also play video games (solitaire, mahjongg ... ), choose music and/or podcasts to listen to, edit photos ... I'm sure you get the idea! AI is not necessarily a bad thing. It all depends on how people design and use it!

## Three Very Important Links



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