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Congress up to that time.

The first person to receive benefits was Ernest Ackerman, who got a one-time lump-sum

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more than \$11 trillion and taken in more than \$13 trillion.

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