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The business-backed Coalition for the Modernization and Protection of America's Social Security hopes to use Congress' return this week to renew its lobbying and public relations push to revamp Social Security with personal accounts.

In a memo dated today, the coalition cited likely consideration this month by House and Senate committees of overhaul proposals as evidence the issue has not stalled.

"While not a full shout, more and more whispers from the media, congressional members, staff and other policy experts can be heard that suggest a bill will emerge this session," the memo stated.

The memo said CoMPASS, which has previously contacted all Senate offices, plans to intensify its lobbying efforts among GOP leaders and conservative and moderate factions of both chambers.

It also said coalition members would work to keep the public focus on Social Security with a series of op-eds and a series of Washington-based media events.

The House Ways and Means Committee this week continues its examination of the program. On Thursday, the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee will hold a hearing focusing on the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision.