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## Kalousek's catchy pension pitch

Miroslav Kalousek is known for his clever one-liners and repartees, and now he's come up with the makings of a catchy slogan for promoting the new second-pillar pension funds. He'll need to ask a spin doctor like Michal Kuzmiak to help him flesh it out, but he said at the end of TV Prima's [Partie](#) on Sun. that young people concerned about their future retirement should invest in the second pillar, because the state "might not fulfill its obligations" when they retire in 30-40 years. Now we know why he wanted the new funds to be mandatory - to save everyone from the crumbling state. But wait a minute, this is the same finance minister who is so proud that the CR's credit rating was boosted for doing such a fine job with public finances. To suggest that the state pension system might go broke, and to do it just before he starts selling retail government bonds too.... Should we [blame it on the gout?](#)



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