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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief for payment of asbestos-related claims.

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Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. HATCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief for payment of asbestos-related claims.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION FOR ASBESTOS-RELATED SETTLE-
4 MENT FUNDS.**

5 (a) EXEMPTION FOR ASBESTOS-RELATED SETTLE-
6 MENT FUNDS.—Subsection (b) of section 468B of the In-
7 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to special rules for
8 designated settlement funds) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new paragraph:

1 “(6) EXEMPTION FROM TAX FOR ASBESTOS-RE-
2 LATED SETTLEMENT FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
3 paragraph (1), no tax shall be imposed under this
4 section or any other provision of this subtitle on any
5 settlement fund to which this section or the regula-
6 tions thereunder applies that is established for the
7 principal purpose of resolving and satisfying present
8 and future claims relating to asbestos.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (1) Paragraph (1) of section 468B(b) of such
11 Code is amended by striking “There” and inserting
12 “Except as provided in paragraph (6), there”.

13 (2) Subsection (g) of section 468B of such Code
14 is amended by inserting “(other than subsection
15 (b)(6))” after “Nothing in any provision of law”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to taxable years ending on or after
18 December 31, 2000.

19 **SEC. 2. MODIFY TREATMENT OF ASBESTOS-RELATED NET
20 OPERATING LOSSES.**

21 (a) ASBESTOS-RELATED NET OPERATING LOSSES.—
22 Subsection (f) of section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code
23 of 1986 (relating to net operating loss deduction) is
24 amended by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) as

1 paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively, and by inserting
2 after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

3 “(4) SPECIAL RULES FOR ASBESTOS LIABILITY
4 LOSSES.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the election of the
6 taxpayer, the portion of any specified liability
7 loss that is attributable to asbestos may, for
8 purposes of subsection (b)(1)(C), be carried
9 back to the taxable year in which the taxpayer,
10 including any predecessor corporation, was first
11 involved in the production or distribution of
12 products containing asbestos and each subse-
13 quent taxable year. In determining its specified
14 liability losses attributable to asbestos, the tax-
15 payer may elect to take into account payments
16 of related parties attributable to asbestos-re-
17 lated products produced or distributed by the
18 taxpayer.

19 “(B) COORDINATION WITH CREDITS.—If a
20 deduction is allowable for any taxable year by
21 reason of a carryback described in subpara-
22 graph (A)—

23 “(i) the credits allowable under part
24 IV (other than subpart C) of subchapter A

1 shall be determined without regard to such
2 deduction, and

3 “(ii) the amount of taxable income
4 taken into account with respect to the
5 carryback under subsection (b)(2) for such
6 taxable year shall be reduced by an
7 amount equal to—

8 “(I) the increase in the amount
9 of such credits allowable for such tax-
10 able year solely by reason of clause
11 (i), divided by

12 “(II) the maximum rate of tax
13 under section 1 or 11 (whichever is
14 applicable) for such taxable year.

15 “(C) CARRYFORWARDS TAKEN INTO AC-
16 COUNT BEFORE ASBESTOS-RELATED DEDUC-
17 TIONS.—For purposes of this section—

18 “(i) in determining whether a net op-
19 erating loss carryforward may be carried
20 under subsection (b)(2) to a taxable year,
21 taxable income for such year shall be de-
22 termined without regard to the deductions
23 referred to in paragraph (1)(A) with re-
24 spect to asbestos, and

1 “(ii) if there is a net operating loss
2 for such year after taking into account
3 such carryforwards and deductions, the
4 portion of such loss attributable to such
5 deductions shall be treated as a specified
6 liability loss that is attributable to asbes-
7 tos.

8 “(D) LIMITATION.—The amount of reduc-
9 tion in income tax liability arising from the
10 election described in subparagraph (A) that ex-
11 ceeds the amount of reduction in income tax li-
12 ability that would have resulted if the taxpayer
13 utilized the 10-year carryback period under sub-
14 section (b)(1)(C) shall be devoted by the tax-
15 payer solely to asbestos claimant compensation
16 and related costs, through a settlement fund or
17 otherwise.

18 “(E) COORDINATION WITH OTHER
19 CARRYBACK LIMITATIONS.—The amount of as-
20 bestos-related specified liability loss that may be
21 absorbed in a prior taxable year (and the
22 amount of refund attributable to such loss ab-
23 sorption) shall be determined without regard to
24 any limitation under section 381, 382, or 1502
25 or the regulations thereunder.

1 “(F) PREDECESSOR CORPORATION.—For
2 purposes of this paragraph, a predecessor cor-
3 poration shall include a corporation that trans-
4 ferred or distributed assets to the taxpayer in
5 a transaction to which section 381(a) applies or
6 that distributed the stock of the taxpayer in a
7 transaction to which section 355 applies.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (7) of
9 section 172(f) of such Code, as redesignated by this sec-
10 tion, is amended by striking “10-year”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to taxable years ending on or after
13 December 31, 2000.

