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To provide for additional temporary extended unemployment compensation
for certain displaced workers.

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Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. NEY, Mr. HOYER, Ms. DUNN, Ms. HART, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WEINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To provide for additional temporary extended unemployment
compensation for certain displaced workers.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Air Transportation
5 Employees Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “eligible individual” means an in-
9 dividual whose eligibility for temporary extended un-

1 employment compensation is or would be based on
2 the exhaustion of regular compensation, entitlement
3 to which was based in whole or in part on qualifying
4 employment performed during such individual's base
5 period;

6 (2) the term "qualifying employment", with re-
7 spect to an eligible individual, means employment—

8 (A) with an air carrier, at a facility at an
9 airport that involves the provision of transpor-
10 tation to or from an airport, or with an up-
11 stream producer or supplier for an air carrier;
12 and

13 (B) as determined by the Secretary, sepa-
14 ration from which was due, in whole or in part,
15 to—

16 (i) reductions in service by an air car-
17 rier as a result of a terrorist action or se-
18 curity measure;

19 (ii) a closure of an airport in the
20 United States as a result of a terrorist ac-
21 tion or security measure; or

22 (iii) a military conflict with Iraq that
23 has been authorized by Congress;

1 (3) the term “air carrier” means an air carrier
2 that holds a certificate issued under chapter 411 of
3 title 49, United States Code;

4 (4) the term “upstream producer” means a
5 firm that performs additional, value-added, produc-
6 tion processes, including firms that perform final as-
7 sembly, finishing, or packaging of articles, for an-
8 other firm;

9 (5) the term “supplier” means a firm that pro-
10 duces component parts for, or articles and contract
11 services considered to be a part of the production
12 process or services for, another firm;

13 (6) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
14 of Labor; and

15 (7) the term “terrorist action or security meas-
16 ure” means a terrorist attack on the United States
17 on September 11, 2001, or a security measure taken
18 in response to such attack.

19 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOY-**
20 **MENT BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.**

21 In the case of an eligible employee, the Temporary
22 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002
23 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 21), as amended by Pub-
24 lic Law 108–1 (117 Stat. 3), shall be applied as if it had
25 been amended in accordance with section 4.

1 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 3, the
 3 Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of
 4 2002 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 21), as amended
 5 by Public Law 108–1 (117 Stat. 3), shall be treated as
 6 if it had been amended as provided in this section.

7 (b) PROGRAM EXTENSION.—Deem section 208 of the
 8 Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of
 9 2002, as amended by Public Law 108–1 (117 Stat. 3),
 10 to be amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 208. APPLICABILITY.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), an
 13 agreement entered into under this Act shall apply to weeks
 14 of unemployment—

15 “(1) beginning after the date on which such
 16 agreement is entered into; and

17 “(2) ending before December 29, 2003.

18 “(b) TRANSITION FOR AMOUNT REMAINING IN AC-
 19 COUNT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 21 in the case of an individual who has amounts re-
 22 maining in an account established under section 203
 23 as of December 28, 2003, temporary extended un-
 24 employment compensation shall continue to be pay-
 25 able to such individual from such amounts for any
 26 week beginning after such date for which the indi-

1 vidual meets the eligibility requirements of this Act,
 2 including such compensation payable by reason of
 3 amounts deposited in such account after such date
 4 pursuant to the application of subsection (c) of such
 5 section.

6 “(2) LIMITATION.—No compensation shall be
 7 payable by reason of paragraph (1) for any week be-
 8 ginning after December 26, 2004.”.

9 (c) ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF BENEFITS.—Deem sec-
 10 tion 203 of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Com-
 11 pensation Act of 2002, as amended by Public Law 108–
 12 1 (117 Stat. 3), to be amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “50”
 15 and inserting “150”; and

16 (B) by striking “13” and inserting “39”;
 17 and

18 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “ $\frac{1}{3}$ of”
 19 after “equal to”.

20 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE OF MODIFICATIONS DE-
 21 SCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (c).—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments described
 23 in subsection (c)—

24 (A) shall be deemed to have taken effect as
 25 if included in the enactment of the Temporary

1 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of
2 2002; but

3 (B) shall be treated as applying only with
4 respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on
5 or after the date of enactment this Act, subject
6 to paragraph (2).

7 (2) SPECIAL RULES.—In the case of an eligible
8 individual for whom a temporary extended unem-
9 ployment account was established before the date of
10 enactment of this Act, the Temporary Extended Un-
11 employment Compensation Act of 2002 (as amended
12 by this Act) shall be applied subject to the following:

13 (A) Any amounts deposited in the individ-
14 ual's temporary extended unemployment com-
15 pensation account by reason of section 203(c)
16 of such Act (commonly known as “TEUC–X
17 amounts”) before the date of enactment of this
18 Act shall be treated as amounts deposited by
19 reason of section 203(b) of such Act (commonly
20 known as “TEUC amounts”), as deemed to
21 have been amended by subsection (c)(1).

22 (B) For purposes of determining whether
23 the individual is eligible for any TEUC–X
24 amounts under such Act, as deemed to be
25 amended by this section—

1 (i) any determination made under sec-
2 tion 203(c) of such Act before the applica-
3 tion of the amendment described in sub-
4 section (c)(2) shall be disregarded; and

5 (ii) any such determination shall in-
6 stead be made by applying section 203(c)
7 of such Act, as deemed to be amended by
8 subsection (c)(2)—

9 (I) as of the time that all
10 amounts established in such account
11 in accordance with section 203(b) of
12 such Act (as deemed to be amended
13 under this section, and including any
14 amounts described in subparagraph
15 (A)) are in fact exhausted, except that

16 (II) if such individual's account
17 was both augmented by and exhausted
18 of all TEUC-X amounts before the
19 date of enactment of this Act, such
20 determination shall be made as if ex-
21 haustion (as described in section
22 203(c)(1) of such Act) had not oc-
23 curred until such date of enactment.

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