108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 228

To provide for additional benefits under the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 7, 2003

Mr. Wu introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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- 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. PROGRAM EXTENSION.
- 4 Paragraph (2) of section 208 of the Temporary Ex-
- 5 tended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (26
- 6 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by striking "January" and
- 7 inserting "April".

1 SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVE TRIGGER FOR SECOND-TIER BENE-2 FITS. 3 (a) In General.—Subsection (c) of section 203 of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation 4 5 Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the following: 6 7 "(3) ALTERNATIVE TRIGGER.— 8 "(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-9 graph (1), if the average rate of total unem-10 ployment in a State during fiscal year 2002 11 (seasonally adjusted) exceeds the average rate 12 of total unemployment in all States during such 13 fiscal year (seasonally adjusted), such State 14 shall be considered to be in an extended benefit 15 period beginning on December 29, 2002 (or 16 such earlier date as the Secretary may specify). 17 Any such extended benefit period shall be treat-18 ed as continuing for so long as the agreement 19 (entered into by such State under this title) re-20 mains in effect. 21 "(B) Determinations.—For purposes of 22 this paragraph, determinations of average rates 23 of total unemployment (and of any seasonal ad-24 justment) shall be made by the Secretary. "(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing 25

in this paragraph shall terminate or otherwise

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- affect any extended benefit period which might otherwise be determined to exist under paragraph (2).".
- 4 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Paragraph (1) of 5 section 203(c) of such Act is amended by striking "(2))"

6 and inserting "(2) or (3))".

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