108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4298

To improve the efficiency of the Department of Energy's Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2004

Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. JENKINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. IMPROVEMENTS TO ENERGY EMPLOYEES OC-**

4 **CUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PRO-**

5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) STATE AGREEMENTS.—Section 3661 of the En-

7 ergy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Pro-

8 gram Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7385o) is amended—

1   (1) in subsection (b) by striking "Pursuant to

2 agreements under subsection (a), the" and inserting

3 "The";

4   (2) in subsection (c) by striking "provided in an

5 agreement under subsection (a), and if"; and

6   (3) in subsection (e) by striking "If provided in

7 an agreement under subsection (a)" and inserting

8 "If a panel reports a determination under subsection

9 (d)(5)".

10 (b) SELECTION OF PANEL MEMBERS.—Section 3661

11 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 7385o) is further amended in sub-

12 section (d) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

13   "(2) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-

14 ices shall select individuals to serve as panel mem-

15 bers based on experience and competency in diag-

16 nosing occupational illnesses. For each individual so

17 selected, the Secretary shall appoint that individual

18 as a panel member or obtain by contract the services

19 of that individual as a panel member.".

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