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108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 225**

To provide for emergency unemployment compensation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2003

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BAYH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Unemploy-
 5 ment Compensation Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF TEM-**
 2 **PORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COM-**
 3 **PENSATION.**

4 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section
 6 203(b) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment
 7 Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–147;
 8 116 Stat. 28) is amended—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “50
 10 percent” and inserting “100 percent”; and

11 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “13
 12 times” and inserting “26 times”.

13 (2) REPEAL OF RESTRICTION ON AUGMENTA-
 14 TION DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.—Section
 15 208(b) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment
 16 Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–147),
 17 as amended by Public Law 108–1, is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) by striking “paragraphs (2) and
 20 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

21 (ii) by inserting before the period at
 22 the end the following: “, including such
 23 compensation by reason of amounts depos-
 24 ited in such account after such date pursu-
 25 ant to the application of subsection (c) of
 26 such section”;

1 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

2 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
3 paragraph (2).

4 (3) EXTENSION OF TRANSITION LIMITATION.—

5 Section 208(b)(2) of the Temporary Extended Un-
6 employment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law
7 107–147), as amended by Public Law 108–1 and as
8 redesignated by paragraph (2), is amended by strik-
9 ing “August 30, 2003” and inserting “December 31,
10 2003”.

11 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT FOR AUG-

12 MENTED BENEFITS.—Section 203(c)(1) of the Tem-
13 porary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act
14 of 2002 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 28) is
15 amended by striking “the amount originally estab-
16 lished in such account (as determined under sub-
17 section (b)(1))” and inserting “7 times the individ-
18 ual’s average weekly benefit amount for the benefit
19 year”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
22 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to weeks of
23 unemployment beginning on or after the date of en-
24 actment of this Act.

1 (2) TEUC–X AMOUNTS DEPOSITED IN AC-
 2 COUNT PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACTMENT DEEMED TO
 3 BE THE ADDITIONAL TEUC AMOUNTS PROVIDED BY
 4 THIS SECTION.—In applying the amendments made
 5 by subsection (a) under the Temporary Extended
 6 Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public
 7 Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 26), the Secretary of Labor
 8 shall deem any amounts deposited into an individ-
 9 ual’s temporary extended unemployment compensa-
 10 tion account by reason of section 203(c) of such Act
 11 (commonly known as “TEUC–X amounts”) prior to
 12 the date of enactment of this Act to be amounts de-
 13 posited in such account by reason of section 203(b)
 14 of such Act, as amended by subsection (a) (com-
 15 monly known as “TEUC amounts”).

16 (3) APPLICATION TO EXHAUSTEES AND CUR-
 17 RENT BENEFICIARIES.—

18 (A) EXHAUSTEES.—In the case of any in-
 19 dividual—

20 (i) to whom any temporary extended
 21 unemployment compensation was payable
 22 for any week beginning before the date of
 23 enactment of this Act; and

24 (ii) who exhausted such individual’s
 25 rights to such compensation (by reason of

1 the payment of all amounts in such indi-
2 vidual's temporary extended unemployment
3 compensation account) before such date,
4 such individual's eligibility for any additional
5 weeks of temporary extended unemployment
6 compensation by reason of the amendments
7 made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect
8 to weeks of unemployment beginning on or
9 after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (B) CURRENT BENEFICIARIES.—In the
11 case of any individual—

12 (i) to whom any temporary extended
13 unemployment compensation was payable
14 for any week beginning before the date of
15 enactment of this Act; and

16 (ii) as to whom the condition de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii) does not
18 apply,

19 such individual shall be eligible for temporary
20 extended unemployment compensation (in ac-
21 cordance with the provisions of the Temporary
22 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of
23 2002, as amended by subsection (a)) with re-
24 spect to weeks of unemployment beginning on
25 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 (4) REDETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
 2 AUGMENTED AMOUNTS FOR INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM
 3 SUCH A DETERMINATION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE
 4 DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Any determination of
 5 whether the individual’s State is in an extended ben-
 6 efit period under section 203(c) of the Temporary
 7 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002
 8 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 28) made prior to
 9 the date of enactment of this Act shall be dis-
 10 regarded and the determination under such section
 11 shall be made as follows:

12 (A) INDIVIDUALS WHO EXHAUSTED 13
 13 TEUC AND 13 TEUX–X WEEKS PRIOR TO THE
 14 DATE OF ENACTMENT.—In the case of an indi-
 15 vidual who, prior to the date of enactment of
 16 this Act, received 26 times the individual’s aver-
 17 age weekly benefit amount through an account
 18 established under section 203 of the Temporary
 19 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of
 20 2002 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 28) (by
 21 reason of augmentation under subsection (c) of
 22 such section), the determination shall be made
 23 as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (B) ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS.—In the
 25 case of an individual who is not described in

1 subparagraph (A), the determination shall be
2 made at the time that the individual's account
3 established under such section 203, as amended
4 by subsection (a), is exhausted.

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