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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.—

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

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

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,

such individual shall be eligible for temporary extended unemployment compensation (in accordance with the provisions of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, as amended by subsection (a)) with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

(4) REDETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AUGMENTED AMOUNTS FOR INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM SUCH A DETERMINATION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Any determination of whether the individual's State is in an extended benefit period under section 203(c) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147; 116 Stat. 28) made prior to the date of enactment of this Act shall be disregarded and the determination under such section 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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