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S. 3292

To provide emergency energy assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide emergency energy assistance, and for other purposes.

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 Energy As-
5 sistance Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY INCREASE OF CREDIT PERCENTAGE**
 2 **FOR PURPOSES OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX**
 3 **CREDIT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 32(b) of
 5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to percent-
 6 ages) is amended—

7 (1) by striking subparagraph (C), and
 8 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as
 9 follows:

10 “(B) PERCENTAGES FOR 2008.—In the
 11 case of taxable years beginning in 2008:

“In the case of an eligible individual with:	The credit percentage is:	The phaseout percentage is:
1 qualifying child	37.49	15.98
2 or more qualifying children	42.49	21.06
No qualifying children	12.9	7.65.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 13 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 14 December 31, 2007.

15 **SEC. 3. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPRO-**
 16 **PRIATIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any amounts ap-
 18 propriated under any other provision of Federal law, there
 19 is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not oth-
 20 erwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2008—

1 (1) \$1,265,000,000 (to remain available until
 2 expended) for making payments under subsections
 3 (a) through (d) of section 2604 of the Low-Income
 4 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
 5 8623); and

6 (2) \$1,265,000,000 (to remain available until
 7 expended) for making payments under section
 8 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assist-
 9 ance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(e)), notwith-
 10 standing the designation requirement of section
 11 2602(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 8621(e)).

12 (b) EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.—The amount pro-
 13 vided under this section is designated as an emergency re-
 14 quirement and necessary to meet emergency needs, pursu-
 15 ant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress),
 16 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year
 17 2008.

18 **SEC. 4. WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**
 19 **LOW-INCOME PERSONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any amounts ap-
 21 propriated under any other provision of Federal law, there
 22 is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not oth-
 23 erwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2008 \$522,800,000 to
 24 carry out the Weatherization Assistance Program for
 25 Low-Income Persons established under part A of title IV

1 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42
2 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.).

3 (b) EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.—The amount pro-
4 vided under this section is designated as an emergency re-
5 quirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursu-
6 ant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress),
7 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year
8 2008.

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