

time, would provide a tremendous stimulus to our economy. I am excited about this possibility, and I know Senator REED, who is in the chair, and I have discussed this. He was at least intrigued by this idea.

I was pleased today that Senator NICKLES, who has been a critic of the earned income tax credit, one who has studied it carefully and has observed some of its problems, believes it is a good reform, and he is supporting and has signed onto this bill as an original cosponsor.

So we have an opportunity to do something good for the economy, to do something good for poor people, to in effect have the businesses that now have to provide the option to their employees to go on and provide this money, which is reimbursed by the Federal Government immediately—it doesn't cost them anything—and their workers would receive 50 or 60 cents an hour pay raise as a result of this payment. I think it is something they ought to be excited about doing. I think it would enhance their workers benefits from working and make them better employees.

So it is time for us to do it now. I have been concerned about the issue. I have studied it for a number of years. I had some independent research done on it several years ago, and I have been thinking and looking for an opportunity to present it in the form of legislation. At this time, when we need a financial stimulus, I can't think of a better time. So I am asking the Finance Committee, and I have talked with the Director of the OMB, Mitch Daniels, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. O'Neill, and his top staff person. They are all intrigued by this and believe it has merit.

I think it is time for us to consider that this be a part of our stimulus package. It has little long-term impact on the Federal Treasury, but it would provide a tremendous infusion of cash into the economy just at the time we need people to go to the store and buy things, generating demand out there that would allow factories to produce more products. It would be giving additional wages to people who may be getting less overtime now than they were a year ago—maybe not even getting 40 hours a week now as they were last year. Those people would receive higher wages for each hour they do work.

I talked to a businessperson today, and they said they were on 4-day workweeks with their employees. They hated to do it, but there wasn't demand for their products sufficient to keep them fully engaged. Rather than lay people off, they put everybody on a 4-day workweek. So a lot of people are losing hours, and this would help keep them from losing income. I think it is good for the low-income workers in America. I think it is good for the economy, and I think it is good public policy for America.

Mr. President, we have talked with members of the Finance Committee

and with the administration. I hope they will seize this opportunity to do something that, to me, has a win-win-win all over it, with no negatives. It is the right thing to do. Some say, well, business people may not want to handle the paperwork on this. Businesspeople print their checks out by computers, and it is not difficult for them. The money is paid to them. I talked to one gentleman who hires employees—quite a number of low-income workers. He said he thought it was a wonderful idea. It would be great for his workers, and it would be no problem at all for them to make that a part of their payroll check plan. It is just a matter of getting the person who processes that to factor it in, and it works rather easily.

Again, I believe it is a good idea, and I have submitted it to the Senate. I will be talking with the leadership and urging its passage. It is the right thing to do, and I think we ought to do it. The time is long past that we make this earned income tax credit really do what it is supposed to do, which is encourage work. It is to encourage people to work and, at the same time, when we do it by advancing it this year, we will provide a stimulus to the economy in a very significant way. We estimate that out of \$31 billion in earned income tax credit, we would be advancing at least \$15 billion next year, and that would be a healthy stimulus indeed for the economy.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1642. A bill to open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1642

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. OPENING OF CERTAIN WITHDRAWN LAND IN WYOMING TO LOCATABLE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT FOR BENTONITE MINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (c), the land described in subsection (b) shall be open to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining.

(b) COVERED LAND.—The land referred to in subsection (a) is approximately 40 acres of previously withdrawn land located in Big Horn County, Wyoming, at the sixth principal meridian, T. 56 N., R. 95 W., Sec. 32. E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, adjacent to Pit No. 144L covered by State of Wyoming Mining Permit No. 321C.

(c) CLOSURE.—The Secretary of the Army may close the land opened by subsection (a) at any time if the Secretary determines that the closure of the land is required by reason of a national emergency or for purposes of national defense or security.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2089. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2090. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2091. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2092. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2093. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2094. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2095. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2096. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2097. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2098. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2099. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2100. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2101. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2102. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2103. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2104. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr.

Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2105. Mr. SMITH of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. Daschle and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2106. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

SA 2107. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2108. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2089. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. . APPLICABILITY TO STATES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, nothing in this title shall apply with respect to a State unless the State, prior to the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of enactment of this Act, enacts a law that provides rights and protections that are substantially similar to the rights and protections provided for in this title.

SA 2090. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 12 of the amendment, line 18, add after the period the following: "No contract, or agreement surrounding a contract or contract negotiations, may provide amnesty, immunity or protection against prosecution to any public safety employer, employee, officer, labor organization, or labor organization official who violated the prohibition contained in preceding sentence or any similar State or local prohibition."

SA 2091. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. . APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, section ____08(a)(5) shall be ap-

plied by substituting "200,000" for "5,000" and "1000" for "25".

SA 2092. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. . APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, section ____08(a)(5) shall be applied by substituting "100,000" for "5,000" and "500" for "25".

SA 2093. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. . APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, section ____08(a)(5) shall be applied by substituting "50,000" for "5,000" and "250" for "25".

SA 2094. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. . APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, section ____08(a)(5) shall be applied by substituting "25,000" for "5,000" and "100" for "25".

SA 2095. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 8 of the amendment, line 22, insert before the period the following: "and ensuring that all public safety officers are permitted to serve in a volunteer capacity".

SA 2096. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10 of the amendment, line 17, insert before the semicolon the following: ", including any restrictions on a public safety officer's right to serve in a volunteer capacity".

SA 2097. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5 of the amendment, line 8, insert before the semicolon the following: "and who does not serve in a volunteer capacity".

SA 2098. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 14 of the amendment, line 6 strike "5,000" and insert "25,000."

SA 2099. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 14 of the amendment, line 7 strike "25" and insert "100."

SA 2100. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10 of the amendment, line 24, insert before the semicolon the following: "and to protect the right of each employee to serve in a volunteer capacity if the employee has joined a labor organization."

SA 2101. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2044 as submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: