

SEC. 502. LABELING OF WOOL PRODUCTS TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE AND PROTECT CONSUMERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) In the case of a wool product stamped, tagged, labeled, or otherwise identified in any one of the following subparagraphs, the average fiber diameter may be subject to a variation of 0.25 microns, and may be subject to such other standards or deviations as prescribed by regulation by the Commission:

“(A) ‘Super 80’s’ or ‘80’s’ if the average fiber diameter thereof does not average 19.5 microns or finer.

“(B) ‘Super 90’s’ or ‘90’s’ if the average fiber diameter thereof does not average 19.0 microns or finer.

“(C) ‘Super 100’s’ or ‘100’s’ if the average fiber diameter thereof does not average 18.5 microns or finer.

“(D) ‘Super 110’s’ or ‘110’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 18.0 microns or finer.

“(E) ‘Super 120’s’ or ‘120’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 17.5 microns or finer.

“(F) ‘Super 130’s’ or ‘130’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 17.0 microns or finer.

“(G) ‘Super 140’s’ or ‘140’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 16.5 microns or finer.

“(H) ‘Super 150’s’ or ‘150’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 16.0 microns or finer.

“(I) ‘Super 160’s’ or ‘160’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 15.5 microns or finer.

“(J) ‘Super 170’s’ or ‘170’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 15.0 microns or finer.

“(K) ‘Super 180’s’ or ‘180’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 14.5 microns or finer.

“(L) ‘Super 190’s’ or ‘190’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 14.0 microns or finer.

“(M) ‘Super 200’s’ or ‘200’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 13.5 microns or finer.

“(N) ‘Super 210’s’ or ‘210’s’ if the average diameter of wool fiber thereof does not average 13.0 microns or finer.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to wool products manufactured on or after January 1, 2005.

SA 2942. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 341, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. —. ELECTRONIC DISBURSEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES.

Section 454A(g) (42 U.S.C. 654a(g)) is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(3) ELECTRONIC DISBURSEMENT REQUIREMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1, 2008, each State disbursement unit operated under section 454B shall implement a system to electronically disburse, through direct deposit or a widely accessible card-based system, all child support collections disbursed to families under that section.

“(B) STATE OPTION TO REQUIRE CARD-BASED PAYMENT.—A State may require a payment recipient to accept payment through a card-based system if the recipient has declined to accept payment by direct deposit or does not have an account to which payment may be made by direct deposit.

“(C) OPT-OUT.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a State disbursement unit may maintain a nonelectronic system for disbursing child support collections to custodial parents under section 454B after October 1, 2008, if the State notifies the Secretary in writing by October 1, 2008, that the State intends to maintain such a system.”

SEC. —. OPTIONAL EXPANSION OF STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT TO CREATE A CENTRALIZED PAYMENT LOCATION FOR ALL CHILD SUPPORT WAGE WITHHOLDING.

Section 454B(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 654b(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “or, at State option, all support orders, regardless of date issued,” after “in which the support order is initially issued in the State on or after January 1, 1994.”

SA 2943. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 355, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 603. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF STATES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE TO IMMIGRANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1621) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—
(A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (3); and
(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (4) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

(2) in subsection (c)—
(A) in paragraph (1)—
(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “(2) and (3)” and inserting “(2), (3), and (4)”; and
(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “health,”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph
“(4) Such term does not include any health benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household, or family eligibility unit by an agency of a State or local government or by appropriated funds of a State or local government.”; and

(3) in subsection (d), by inserting “or who otherwise is not a qualified alien (as defined in subsections (b) and (c) of section 431)” after “United States”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to health care furnished before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on May 11, 2004, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366.

The purpose of this hearing is to gain an understanding of the impacts and costs of last year's fires and then look forward to the potential 2004 fire season. The hearing will give all Committee members a solid understanding of the problems faced last year and what problems the agencies and the land they oversee may face this next season, including aerial fire fighting assets and crew, and overhead availability.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladies (202-224-2878) or Amy Millet (202-224-7556).

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to the following Finance Committee fellows and interns during consideration of H.R. 4, the welfare bill: Shannon Augare, Steve Beasley, Jane Bergeson, Diana Birkett, Simon Chabel, Jodi George, Tyson Hill, Scott Landes, Pascal Niedermann, Jeremy Seidlitz, Matt Stokes, and Trace Thaxton.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, in addition, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff members of Senator GRASSLEY be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on H.R. 4: Trenton Norman, Jarret Heil, and Jill Gotts.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Abigail Kurland of Senator DODD's staff be granted floor privileges during the consideration of H.R. 4.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Kentucky.

**MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 2250**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that S. 2250 is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2250) to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading in order to place the bill on the calendar.

Under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read a second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2004

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 30.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4, the welfare reform reauthorization bill, and that the time until 12:15 be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; provided further that at 12:15 p.m. the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the Snowe amendment as

provided under the previous order. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess tomorrow following the conclusion of the vote on the Snowe amendment for the weekly party luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, either I misheard or my distinguished colleague misspoke. I think he said 9:40, and I think it is 9:45 we come in tomorrow, just so that is clear in the RECORD.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I thought I had said 9:45.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Nine forty-five for the RECORD.

Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4, the welfare reform reauthorization bill. Under a previous agreement, at 12:15 p.m., the Senate will vote on the pending Snowe amendment on childcare. The vote on the Snowe amendment will be the first vote of tomorrow's session. For the remainder of the day, the Senate will continue debate on the welfare reauthorization bill.

As the majority leader stated earlier today, we hope that Senators will offer relevant amendments to the bill so we can finish this important legislation this week.

Additional rollcall votes are expected tomorrow afternoon as we try to make progress on the underlying welfare reauthorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before the Senator calls the Senate to conclusion, we have on our side a significant number of people who wish to speak in the morning. This is just to give notice to all the offices that we have no objection to anyone who wants to speak, but the time will be drastically limited from the time we have been told they want to speak because we will not be able to change the 12:15 time because of our party caucuses.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:02 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 9:45 a.m.