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H. R. 2111

To extend and to provide for an alternative trigger for second-tier benefits under the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2003

Mr. WU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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. PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

4 Section 208 of the Temporary Extended Unemploy-
5 ment Compensation Act of 2002 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “June 1” and
8 inserting “September 28”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “May 31” each place it ap-
2 pears and inserting “September 27”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “August
4 30” and inserting “December 27”.

5 **SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVE TRIGGER FOR SECOND-TIER BENE-**
6 **FITS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 203 of
8 the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation
9 Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(3) ALTERNATIVE TRIGGER.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-
13 graph (1), if the average rate of total unem-
14 ployment in a State during fiscal year 2002
15 (seasonally adjusted) exceeds the average rate
16 of total unemployment in all States during such
17 fiscal year (seasonally adjusted), such State
18 shall be considered to be in an extended benefit
19 period beginning on December 29, 2002. Any
20 such extended benefit period shall be treated as
21 continuing for so long as the agreement (en-
22 tered into by such State under this title) re-
23 mains in effect.

24 “(B) DETERMINATIONS.—For purposes of
25 this paragraph, determinations of average rates

1 of total unemployment (and of any seasonal ad-
2 justment) shall be made by the Secretary.

3 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
4 in this paragraph shall terminate or otherwise
5 affect any extended benefit period which might
6 otherwise be determined to exist under para-
7 graph (2).”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of
9 section 203(c) of such Act is amended by striking “(2)”
10 and inserting “(2) or (3)”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section—

13 (1) shall take effect as of December 29, 2002;

14 and

15 (2) shall apply with respect to weeks of unem-
16 ployment beginning on or after the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act.

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