

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)”;

(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.