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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 1994

Mr. MACHTLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Education and Labor and Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PREFERENCE FOR STATES MOST ADVERSELY**
2 **AFFECTED BY DEFENSE CUTS.**

3 (a) DETERMINATION OF DEFENSE-RELATED JOB
4 LOSSES.—The Secretary of Labor, acting through the Bu-
5 reau of Labor Statistics, shall determine annually the ag-
6 gregate number of employment positions lost in each State
7 since January 1, 1985, as a result of reductions in expend-
8 itures by the United States for defense, the termination
9 or cancellation of defense contracts, the failure to proceed
10 with an approved major weapon system, or the closure or
11 realignment of military installations. The Secretary of
12 Labor shall adjust the number determined for each State
13 by the number of employment positions created in that
14 State since that date as a result of new defense contracts
15 carried out in that State, the realignment of military func-
16 tions to military installations located in that State, or de-
17 fense conversion, reinvestment, and transition assistance
18 programs conducted in that State. The Secretary of Labor
19 shall complete the determination required by this sub-
20 section not later than November 1 of each year.

21 (b) RANKING OF STATES ON BASIS OF JOB
22 LOSSES.—Upon completing the determinations required
23 by subsection (a) for a year, the Secretary of Labor shall
24 also determine for each State a percentage represented by
25 the ratio of—

1 (1) the aggregate number of job losses deter-
2 mined for that State under subsection (a) for that
3 year; to

4 (2) the aggregate number of job losses deter-
5 mined for all States under subsection (a) for that
6 year.

7 (c) PROVISION OF RESULTS TO CONGRESS AND SEC-
8 RETARY OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary of Labor shall sub-
9 mit to Congress and the Secretary of Defense an annual
10 report containing the job loss number and percentage de-
11 termined under subsections (a) and (b) for each State.

12 (d) PREFERENCE FOR STATES MOST ADVERSELY
13 AFFECTED BY DEFENSE CUTS.—In making assistance
14 available under defense conversion, reinvestment, and
15 transition assistance programs for a fiscal year, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall target such assistance—

17 (1) primarily to those States with the highest
18 percentages determined under subsection (b), as
19 identified in the most recent report received from
20 the Secretary of Labor; and

21 (2) within such a State, to those areas in which
22 the greatest number of job losses occurred, as deter-
23 mined for that State under subsection (a).

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

1 (1) The term “State” means the several States,
2 the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Fed-
3 erated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Republic of
4 the Marshall Islands, the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of
6 Puerto Rico, Palau, and the United States Virgin Is-
7 lands.

8 (2) The term “defense conversion, reinvestment,
9 and transition assistance programs” means the fol-
10 lowing programs and activities of the Department of
11 Defense:

12 (A) Programs and activities conducted
13 under chapter 148 of title 10, United States
14 Code.

15 (B) The programs and activities authorized
16 by the Defense Conversion, Reinvestment, and
17 Transition Assistance Act of 1992 (division D
18 of Public Law 102–484; 106 Stat. 2658) and
19 the amendments made by that Act.

20 (C) The programs and activities authorized
21 by title XIII of the National Defense Authoriza-
22 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law
23 103–160; 107 Stat. 1783) and the amendments
24 made by that title.

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