In the Senate of the United States,

February 6, 2002.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 622) entitled "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.", do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

- 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 2 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of
- 4 2002".

1	(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of this
2	Act is as follows:
	Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents. Sec. 2. Federal-State agreements. Sec. 3. Temporary extended unemployment compensation account. Sec. 4. Payments to States having agreements under this Act. Sec. 5. Financing provisions. Sec. 6. Fraud and overpayments. Sec. 7. Definitions. Sec. 8. Applicability.
3	SEC. 2. FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS.
4	(a) In General.—Any State which desires to do so
5	may enter into and participate in an agreement under this
6	Act with the Secretary of Labor (in this Act referred to as
7	the "Secretary"). Any State which is a party to an agree-
8	ment under this Act may, upon providing 30 days written
9	notice to the Secretary, terminate such agreement.
10	(b) Provisions of Agreement.—Any agreement
11	under subsection (a) shall provide that the State agency of
12	the State will make payments of temporary extended unem-
13	ployment compensation to individuals—
14	(1) who—
15	(A) first exhausted all rights to regular
16	compensation under the State law on or after the
17	first day of the week that includes September 11,
18	2001; or
19	(B) have their 26th week of regular com-
20	pensation under the State law end on or after

- the first day of the week that includes September
 11, 2001;
 - (2) who do not have any rights to regular compensation under the State law of any other State; and
 - (3) who are not receiving compensation under the unemployment compensation law of any other country.

(c) Coordination Rules.—

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- (1) Temporary extended unemployment Compensation to serve as second-tier benefits.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither regular compensation, extended compensation, nor additional compensation under any Federal or State law shall be payable to any individual for any week for which temporary extended unemployment compensation is payable to such individual.
- (2) TREATMENT OF OTHER UNEMPLOYMENT COM-PENSATION.—After the date on which a State enters into an agreement under this Act, any regular compensation in excess of 26 weeks, any extended compensation, and any additional compensation under any Federal or State law shall be payable to an individual in accordance with the State law after such individual has exhausted any rights to temporary ex-

1	tended unemployment compensation under the agree-					
2	ment.					
3	(d) Exhaustion of Benefits.—For purposes of sub-					
4	section (b)(1)(A), an individual shall be deemed to have ex					
5	hausted such individual's rights to regular compensation					
6	under a State law when—					
7	(1) no payments of regular compensation can be					
8	made under such law because the individual has re					
9	ceived all regular compensation available to the indi-					
10	vidual based on employment or wages during the in-					
11	dividual's base period; or					
12	(2) the individual's rights to such compensation					
13	have been terminated by reason of the expiration of					
14	the benefit year with respect to which such rights ex-					
15	isted.					
16	(e) Weekly Benefit Amount, Terms and Condi-					
17	TIONS, ETC. RELATING TO TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEM-					
18	PLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—For purposes of any agree-					
19	ment under this Act—					
20	(1) the amount of temporary extended unemploy-					
21	ment compensation which shall be payable to an indi-					
22	vidual for any week of total unemployment shall be					
23	equal to the amount of regular compensation (includ-					
24	ing dependents' allowances) payable to such indi-					

- vidual under the State law for a week for total unem ployment during such individual's benefit year;
- 3 (2) the terms and conditions of the State law
 4 which apply to claims for regular compensation and
 5 to the payment thereof shall apply to claims for tem6 porary extended unemployment compensation and the
 7 payment thereof, except where inconsistent with the
 8 provisions of this Act or with the regulations or oper9 ating instructions of the Secretary promulgated to
 10 carry out this Act; and
- 11 (3) the maximum amount of temporary extended 12 unemployment compensation payable to any indi-13 vidual for whom a temporary extended unemployment 14 compensation account is established under section 3 15 shall not exceed the amount established in such ac-16 count for such individual.

17 SEC. 3. TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COM-18 PENSATION ACCOUNT.

- 19 (a) In General.—Any agreement under this Act shall 20 provide that the State will establish, for each eligible indi-21 vidual who files an application for temporary extended un-22 employment compensation, a temporary extended unem-23 ployment compensation account.
- 24 (b) Amount in Account.—

- (1) In General.—The amount established in an
 account under subsection (a) shall be equal to 13
 times the individual's weekly benefit amount.
- 4 (2) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—For purposes of 5 paragraph (1), an individual's weekly benefit amount 6 for any week is an amount equal to the amount of 7 regular compensation (including dependents' allow-8 ances) under the State law payable to the individual 9 for such week for total unemployment.

10 SEC. 4. PAYMENTS TO STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS 11 UNDER THIS ACT.

12 (a) GENERAL RULE.—There shall be paid to each
13 State that has entered into an agreement under this Act
14 an amount equal to 100 percent of the temporary extended
15 unemployment compensation paid to individuals by the

State pursuant to such agreement.

17 (b) Determination of Amount.—Sums under sub18 section (a) payable to any State by reason of such State
19 having an agreement under this Act shall be payable, either
20 in advance or by way of reimbursement (as may be deter21 mined by the Secretary), in such amounts as the Secretary
22 estimates the State will be entitled to receive under this Act
23 for each calendar month, reduced or increased, as the case
24 may be, by any amount by which the Secretary finds that
25 the Secretary's estimates for any prior calendar month were

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- 1 greater or less than the amounts which should have been
- 2 paid to the State. Such estimates may be made on the basis
- 3 of such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be
- 4 agreed upon by the Secretary and the State agency of the
- 5 State involved.
- 6 (c) Administrative Expenses.—There are appro-
- 7 priated out of the employment security administration ac-
- 8 count (as established by section 901(a) of the Social Secu-
- 9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(a))) of the Unemployment Trust
- 10 Fund, without fiscal year limitation, such funds as may
- 11 be necessary for purposes of assisting States (as provided
- 12 in title III of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 501 et
- 13 seq.)) in meeting the costs of administration of agreements
- 14 under this Act.

15 SEC. 5. FINANCING PROVISIONS.

- 16 (a) In General.—Funds in the extended unemploy-
- 17 ment compensation account (as established by section
- 18 905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1105(a))), and
- 19 the Federal unemployment account (as established by sec-
- 20 tion 904(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(g))), of the Unem-
- 21 ployment Trust Fund (as established by section 904(a) of
- 22 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a))) shall be used, in accordance
- 23 with subsection (b), for the making of payments (described
- 24 in section 4(a)) to States having agreements entered into
- 25 under this Act.

- 1 (b) Certification.—The Secretary shall from time to
- 2 time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment
- 3 to each State the sums described in section 4(a) which are
- 4 payable to such State under this Act. The Secretary of the
- 5 Treasury, prior to audit or settlement by the General Ac-
- 6 counting Office, shall make payments to the State in ac-
- 7 cordance with such certification by transfers from the ex-
- 8 tended unemployment compensation account, as so estab-
- 9 lished (or, to the extent that there are insufficient funds in
- 10 that account, from the Federal unemployment account, as
- 11 so established) to the account of such State in the Unem-
- 12 ployment Trust Fund (as so established).

13 SEC. 6. FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.

- 14 (a) In General.—If an individual knowingly has
- 15 made, or caused to be made by another, a false statement
- 16 or representation of a material fact, or knowingly has
- 17 failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact,
- 18 and as a result of such false statement or representation
- 19 or of such nondisclosure such individual has received any
- 20 temporary extended unemployment compensation under
- 21 this Act to which such individual was not entitled, such
- 22 individual—
- 23 (1) shall be ineligible for any further benefits
- 24 under this Act in accordance with the provisions of
- 25 the applicable State unemployment compensation law

1	relating to fraud in connection with a claim for un-
2	employment compensation; and
3	(2) shall be subject to prosecution under section
4	1001 of title 18, United States Code.
5	(b) Repayment.—In the case of individuals who have
6	received any temporary extended unemployment compensa-
7	tion under this Act to which such individuals were not enti-
8	tled, the State shall require such individuals to repay those
9	benefits to the State agency, except that the State agency
10	may waive such repayment if it determines that—
11	(1) the payment of such benefits was without
12	fault on the part of any such individual; and
13	(2) such repayment would be contrary to equity
14	and good conscience.
15	(c) Recovery by State Agency.—
16	(1) In General.—The State agency may recover
17	the amount to be repaid, or any part thereof, by de-
18	ductions from any regular compensation or tem-
19	porary extended unemployment compensation payable
20	to such individual under this Act or from any unem-
21	ployment compensation payable to such individual
22	under any Federal unemployment compensation law
23	administered by the State agency or under any other

Federal law administered by the State agency which

provides for the payment of any assistance or allow-

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- ance with respect to any week of unemployment, during the 3-year period after the date such individuals
 received the payment of the temporary extended unemployment compensation to which such individuals
 were not entitled, except that no single deduction may
 exceed 50 percent of the weekly benefit amount from
 which such deduction is made.
- 8 (2) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.—No repayment 9 shall be required, and no deduction shall be made, 10 until a determination has been made, notice thereof 11 and an opportunity for a fair hearing has been given 12 to the individual, and the determination has become 13 final.
- 14 (d) REVIEW.—Any determination by a State agency 15 under this section shall be subject to review in the same 16 manner and to the same extent as determinations under 17 the State unemployment compensation law, and only in 18 that manner and to that extent.

19 SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the terms "compensation", "regular com-21 pensation", "extended compensation", "additional com-22 pensation", "benefit year", "base period", "State", "State 23 agency", "State law", and "week" have the respective mean-24 ings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State

- 1 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26
- 2 U.S.C. 3304 note).
- 3 SEC. 8. APPLICABILITY.
- 4 An agreement entered into under this Act shall apply
- 5 to weeks of unemployment—
- 6 (1) beginning after the date on which such agree-
- 7 ment is entered into; and
- 8 (2) ending before January 6, 2003.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to provide for temporary unemployment compensation.".

Attest:

Secretary.

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AMENDMENTS