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S. 2266

To amend the Small Business Act to provide adequate funding for Women's Business Centers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2004

Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. KERRY) (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Women's Business
5 Center Safeguard Act".

6 **SEC. 2. WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 29(k) of the Small Busi-
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 656(k)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(C) FUNDING PRIORITY.—Subject to
4 available funds, and reservation of funds, the
5 Administration shall, for each fiscal year, allo-
6 cate—

7 “(i) \$150,000 for each women’s busi-
8 ness center established under subsection
9 (b), except for any center that requests a
10 lesser amount;

11 “(ii) from the remaining funds, not
12 more than \$125,000, in equal amounts, to
13 each women’s business center established
14 under subsection (l), to the extent such
15 funds are reserved under subsection
16 (k)(4)(A), except for any center that re-
17 quests a lesser amount; and

18 “(iii) any funds remaining after allo-
19 cations are made under clauses (i) and (ii)
20 to new eligible women’s business centers
21 and eligible women’s business centers that
22 did not receive funding in the prior fiscal
23 year under subsection (b). ”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by adding at the end
25 the following:

1 “(v) For fiscal year 2004, 54 per-
2 cent.”.

3 (b) SUNSET DATE.—The amendments made by this
4 section are repealed on October 1, 2004.

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