

the United States for the exclusive benefit of an eligible small business, but only if the written governing instrument creating the trust meets the following requirements:

“(A) No contribution will be accepted for any taxable year in excess of the amount allowed as a deferral under subsection (b) for such year.

“(B) The trustee is a bank (as defined in section 408(n)) or another person who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the manner in which such person will administer the trust will be consistent with the requirements of this section.

“(C) The assets of the trust consist entirely of cash or of obligations which have adequate stated interest (as defined in section 1274(c)(2)) and which pay such interest not less often than annually.

“(D) The assets of the trust will not be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.

“(E) Amounts in the trust may be used only—

“(i) as security for a loan to the business or for repayment of such loan, or

“(ii) to pay the installments under this section.

“(2) ACCOUNT TAXED AS GRANTOR TRUST.—The grantor of a BRIDGE Account shall be treated for purposes of this title as the owner of such Account and shall be subject to tax thereon in accordance with subpart E of part I of subchapter J of this chapter (relating to grantors and others treated as substantial owners).

“(3) TIME WHEN PAYMENTS DEEMED MADE.—For purposes of this section, a taxpayer shall be deemed to have made a payment to a BRIDGE Account on the last day of a taxable year if such payment is made on account of such taxable year and is made within 3½ months after the close of such taxable year.

“(g) REPORTS.—The Secretary may require such reporting as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to carry out this section.

“(h) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall apply to taxes imposed for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2001, and before January 1, 2006.”

(b) PRIORITY OF LENDER.—Subsection (b) of section 6323 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to protection for certain interests even though notice filed) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(11) LOANS SECURED BY BRIDGE ACCOUNTS.—With respect to a BRIDGE account (as defined in section 6168(f)) with any bank (as defined in section 408(n)), to the extent of any loan made by such bank without actual notice or knowledge of the existence of such lien, as against such bank, if such loan is secured by such account.”

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subchapter B of chapter 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 6168. Extension of time for payment of tax for certain small businesses.”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2001.

(e) STUDY BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.—

(1) STUDY.—In consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller General of the United States shall undertake a study to evaluate the applicability (including administrative aspects) and impact of the BRIDGE Act of 2001, including how it affects the capital funding needs of businesses under the Act and number of businesses benefiting.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2005, the Comptroller General shall transmit to

the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate a written report presenting the results of the study conducted pursuant to this subsection, together with such recommendations for legislative or administrative changes as the Comptroller General determines are appropriate.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2723. Mr. DOMENICI proposed an amendment to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment SA 2698 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

SA 2724. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) proposed an amendment to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment SA 2698 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 622) supra.

SA 2725. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment SA 2698 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 622) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2726. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 622, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2727. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 622, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2723. Mr. DOMENICI proposed an amendment to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment SA 2698 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

##### SEC. \_\_\_\_ PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rate of tax with respect to remuneration received during the payroll tax holiday period shall be zero under sections 1401(a), 3101(a), and 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and for purposes of determining the applicable percentage under section 3201(a), 3211(a)(1), and 3221(a) of such Code.

(b) PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY PERIOD.—The term “payroll tax holiday period” means the period beginning after February 28, 2002, and ending before April 1, 2002.

(c) EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall notify employers of the payroll tax holiday period in any manner the Secretary deems appropriate.

(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general revenues of the Federal Government an amount sufficient so as to ensure that the income and balances of the trust funds under section 201 of the Social Security Act and the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account under section 15A of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n-1) are not reduced as a result of the application of subsection (a).

(e) DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS.—In making any determination of benefits under title II of the Social Security Act, the Commis-

sioner of Social Security shall disregard the effect of the payroll tax holiday period on any individual's earnings record.

SA 2724. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED TO BE STRICKEN BY AMENDMENT SA 2698 SUBMITTED BY MR. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

##### SEC. \_\_\_\_ CARRYBACK OF CERTAIN NET OPERATING LOSSES ALLOWED FOR 7 YEARS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 172(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to years to which loss may be carried) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(H) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN LOSSES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxpayer which has a net operating loss for any taxable year ending during 2000, 2001, or 2002, subparagraph (A)(i) shall be applied by substituting ‘7’ for ‘2’ and subparagraph (F) shall not apply.

“(ii) PER YEAR LIMITATION.—For purposes of the 6th and 7th taxable years preceding the taxable year of such loss, the amount of net operating losses to which clause (i) may apply for any taxable year shall not exceed \$50,000,000.”

(b) ELECTION TO DISREGARD 7-YEAR CARRYBACK.—Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to net operating loss deduction) is amended by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection (k) and by inserting after subsection (i) the following new subsection:

“(j) ELECTION TO DISREGARD 7-YEAR CARRYBACK FOR CERTAIN NET OPERATING LOSSES.—Any taxpayer entitled to a 7-year carryback under subsection (b)(1)(H) from any loss year may elect to have the carryback period with respect to such loss year determined without regard to subsection (b)(1)(H). Such election shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary and shall be made by the due date (including extensions of time) for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating loss. Such election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for such taxable year.”

(c) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 90 PERCENT LIMIT ON CERTAIN NOL CARRYBACKS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section 56(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to general rule defining alternative tax net operating loss deduction) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) the amount of such deduction shall not exceed the sum of—

“(i) the lesser of—

“(I) the amount of such deduction attributable to net operating losses (other than the deduction attributable to carrybacks described in clause (ii)(D)), or

“(II) 90 percent of alternative minimum taxable income determined without regard to such deduction, plus

“(ii) the lesser of—

“(I) the amount of such deduction attributable to carrybacks of net operating losses for taxable years ending during 2000, 2001, or 2002, or

“(II) alternative minimum taxable income determined without regard to such deduction reduced by the amount determined under clause (i), and”

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2003.