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(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 173(c)(8) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918(c)(8)) is amended by striking “January 1, 2011” and inserting “February 12, 2011.”

c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to months beginning after December 31, 2010.

SEC. 116. EXTENSION OF COBIA BENEFITS FOR HIRE AND PENSIONS.

(a) ERISA AMENDMENTS.—


(b) IRC AMENDMENTS.—


(c) PHSA AMENDMENTS.—Section 3202(f)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292d(2)(A)(vi)) is amended by striking “February 12, 2011” and inserting “February 12, 2011.”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to periods of coverage which would (without regard to the amendments made by this section) end on or after December 1, 2011.

SEC. 117. ADDITION OF COVERAGE THROUGH VOLUNTARY EMPLOYERS’ BENEFICARY ASSOCIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 336(e)(1)(K) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “January 1, 2011” and inserting “February 13, 2012.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to periods of coverage which would (without regard to the amendments made by this section) end on or after December 1, 2011.

SEC. 118. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7527(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “January 1, 2011” and inserting “February 13, 2011.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to periods of coverage which would (without regard to the amendments made by this section) end on or after December 1, 2011.

TITLE III—OFFSETS

SEC. 201. CUSTOMS USER FEES.

Section 13001(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (29 U.S.C. 1302(j)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30, 2009,” and inserting “January 7, 2010”;

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “September 30, 2009,” and inserting “January 14, 2010.”

SEC. 202. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CORPORATE ESTATE TAXES.

The percentage under paragraph (2) of section 561 of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act is increased by 4.5 percentage points.

TITLE IV—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

SEC. 401. COMPLIANCE WITH PAYGO.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 275, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 78) was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 78

Whereas President Clinton, with the approval of Congress and the bipartisan support of the Members of Congress and other stakeholders, established the Delta Regional Authority on December 21, 2000, in an effort to alleviate the economic hardship facing the Delta region and to create a more level playing field for the counties and parishes of such States to compete for jobs and investment;

Whereas the Delta Regional Authority is a Federal-State partnership that serves 252 counties and parishes in parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee;

Whereas the Delta region holds great potential for access and growth, as the region borders the world’s greatest transportation arterial in the Mississippi River;

Whereas the Delta boasts a strong cultural heritage as the birthplace of the blues and jazz music and as home to world famous cuisine, which people throughout the United States and the world identify with the region;

Whereas the counties and parishes served by the Delta Regional Authority constitute an economically-distressed area facing challenges such as undeveloped infrastructure systems, insufficient transportation options, struggling education systems, migration out of the region, substandard health care, and the need to develop, recruit, and retain a qualified workforce and to build strong communities that attract new industries and employment opportunities;

Whereas the Delta Regional Authority has made significant progress toward addressing such challenges during its first 10 years of work;

Whereas the Delta Regional Authority operates a highly successful grant program in each of the 8 States it serve, allowing cities, counties, and parishes to compete for federal funds from other Federal agencies and private investors;

Whereas the Delta Regional Authority has invested nearly $86,200,000 into more than 600 projects during the first decade of existence, leveraging $1,400,000,000 in private sector investment and producing an overall 22 to 1 return on taxpayer dollars;

Whereas the Delta Regional Authority is working with partners to create or retain approximately $220 million, by investing in the critical infrastructure to sustain new water and sewer services for more than 43,000 families;

Whereas an independent report from the Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service found that per capita income

The assistant legislative clerk read the following:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 78) honoring the work and mission of the Delta Regional Authority on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Federal-State partnership created to uplift the 8-State Delta region.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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