

S 1853

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 12, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 12, 2003)

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Unemployment Compensation Extension Act - Amends the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (TEUCA) to: (1) extend the TEUC program; (2) provide for additional weeks of TEUC and TEUC-X benefits; and (3) revise unemployment rate triggers for TEUC-X benefit periods.

Extends the TEUC program through weeks of unemployment ending before July 1, 2004. Provides a phase-out period for individual payments up to weeks beginning after December 31, 2004.

Increases to 26 weeks an eligible individual's TEUC payments. Provides for an additional seven weeks of payments, for a total of 33 weeks, for individuals in high-unemployment States (TEUC-X). (Current law provides 13 weeks of regular TEUC payments, with an additional 13 and total 26 in TEUC-X States.)

Revises requirements for determining TEUC-X States, using certain triggers based on insured unemployment rates and on total unemployment rates.

Amends the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to provide a temporary increase in extended unemployment benefits.

## Actions Timeline

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