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Americans Want to Work Act

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Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 4, 2010
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 4, 2010
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Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Aug 5, 2010
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 17, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 4, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 6088	Related bill	Aug 10, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
111 HR 6091	Related bill	Aug 10, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
111 HR 6105	Related bill	Aug 10, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
111 HR 4213	Related bill	Jul 22, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-205.
111 S 3623	Related bill	Jul 21, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
111 S 3551	Related bill	Jun 30, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
111 S 3520	Related bill	Jun 22, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
111 HR 5453	Related bill	May 28, 2010: Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
111 S 3333	Related bill	May 27, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-175.
111 S 3421	Related bill	May 26, 2010: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 411.
111 S 3420	Related bill	May 25, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4221-4222)
111 HR 4851	Related bill	Apr 15, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-157.
111 S 3191	Related bill	Apr 13, 2010: Held at the desk.
111 S 3153	Related bill	Mar 25, 2010: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure tabled in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 59 - 40. Record Vote Number: 106. (consideration: CR S2094)
111 S 3173	Related bill	Mar 25, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
111 HR 4707	Related bill	Mar 8, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support.
111 HR 4183	Related bill	Dec 8, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support.
111 S 2831	Related bill	Dec 3, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12325-12327)
111 HR 3548	Related bill	Nov 6, 2009: Became Public Law No: 111-92.
111 HR 3931	Related bill	Oct 26, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
111 HR 3756	Related bill	Oct 7, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
111 S 1699	Related bill	Sep 23, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9745)
111 S 1647	Related bill	Aug 7, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9082-9083)
111 HR 3404	Related bill	Jul 31, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Americans Want to Work Act - Amends the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 with respect to the state-established individual emergency unemployment compensation account (EUCA). Requires a further additional Tier-5 period for deposits to an individual's EUCA if, at the time the amount added to such individual's account under the Act is exhausted or at any time thereafter, the individual's state is in an extended benefit period.

Prescribes a formula for making such Tier-5 credits. Increases the figures in the basic EUC formula (the lesser of which shall be the amount credited): (1) from 50% to 80% of the total amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to the individual during the benefit year; and (2) from 13 to 20 times the individual's average weekly benefit amount for the benefit year.

Prescribes a formula for determining if a state is in an extended benefit period.

Allows the Tier-5 period augmentation to be applied to the individual's EUCA only once.

Authorizes a state to pay extended compensation to an otherwise eligible individual before any further additional emergency unemployment compensation (EUC), if such individual claimed extended compensation for at least one week of unemployment after the exhaustion of additional EUC.

Authorizes a state to elect to pay Tier-4 EUC before payment of Tier-5 EUC until the state determines that such Tier-5 EUC may be paid without undue delay.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through December 31, 2011, the exemption of an employer from payment of employment taxes or railroad retirement taxes for individuals who begin employment after August 4, 2010.

Excludes from account for Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax purposes any employment by the Bureau of the Census as a temporary enumerator for the 2010 decennial census.

Amends the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act to allow an increase in the general business tax credit for the retention of a qualified long-term unemployed worker who: (1) is a retained worker; (2) certifies by signed affidavit that he or she has not been employed during a specified 693-day period or has exhausted all unemployment insurance benefits under federal or state law in less than 693 days; and (3) begins employment with a qualified employer after the enactment of this Act and before January 1, 2012.

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