American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act, H.R. 4213 Summary of Reid-Baucus Substitute Amendment to Extend Unemployment Insurance as Modified and Passed by the Senate July 21, 2010

- Extension of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program phased-out at the end of May 2010. This program provides (depending on a State's unemployment rate) up to fifty-three (53) weeks of extended benefits. The provision includes a *Non- Reduction Rule* that requires states to maintain their current benefit levels in order to receive funds from the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The bill would extend the EUC program through November 2010 and is retroactive.
- Extension of Extended Benefits (EB) program 100% Federal funding for the Extended Benefits (EB) program phased-out at the end of May 2010. This program provides up to an additional 13 to 20 weeks of benefits in certain States (i.e., 13 weeks for States at or above 6.5% unemployment and another 7 weeks for States at or above 8% unemployment). The bill would extend full funding for the EB program through November 2010.
- Eliminating the penalty for part-time employment in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program - The legislation coordinates EUC benefits with regular benefits by providing States with a number of options to allow EUC claimants to remain eligible for the EUC program when they become newly entitled to State unemployment compensation if switching to State benefits would reduce their weekly UI check by at least \$100 or 25 percent.

The three provisions together are estimated to cost \$33.9 billion over ten years.