H.R. 598, "THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT PLAN"

Summary of changes in the Chairman's amendment in the nature of a substitute

Title II – Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families

Amends Sec. 2003 – Page 91, line 5, strike "(and not full-time work)" and insert "(as defined by the Secretary of Labor)".

Amends Sec. 2003 – Page 92, line 2 strike "(as defined by the Secretary of Labor)" and insert "(as those terms are defined by the Secretary of Labor)".

Amends Sec. 2102 - Page 105, line 22, changes title to "One-Time Emergency Payment to SSI Recipients."

Amends Sec. 2102 - Page 105, line 25, changes "90" to "120."

Amends Sec. 2102 - Page 108, strikes lines 11 to 16 (and makes conforming change on page 106, line 3).

Amends Sec. 2102 - Page 108, line 25, modify reference to non-assignment rules.

Title III – Health Insurance Assistance for the Unemployed

Amends Sec. 3002 – Page 127, line 2, requires issuance of regulations or guidance regarding multiemployer plans. Page 124, line 20, clarifies that the payroll offset mechanism applies to both the periodic deposit of payroll taxes with the Treasury and to the payment of payroll taxes that accompany a return.

<u>Title IV – Health Information Technology</u>

Amends Sec. 4311 – *Incentives for Physicians*. Page 223, lines 7-11, deletes reference to quality measures under Title XIX.

Amends Sec. 4312 – *Incentives for Hospitals*. Page 246, line 6, clarifies Secretary's responsibility to select measures for purposes of setting criteria for meaningful use of electronic health record technology.