

September 8, 2004

Additional Possible Amendments to the FY2005 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act (H.R. 5006)

The following are additional amendments that may be offered. Under the open rule (H.Res. 754), new amendments may be offered without notice (although the rule does give priority to those amendments that were pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*). Under the rules of the House, the bill will be read for amendment by paragraph. If your boss is considering offering an amendment, please forward the **text** and talking points to: paul.teller@mail.house.gov.

Neugebauer: Prohibits the National Institute of Mental Health at the NIH from further funding a grant studying “what makes a meaningful day?” for college students. The amendment would not cut any funding to NIMH; it would simply prevent the Institute from funding this grant and free up any funds that would otherwise go to this grant for other mental health grants.

Neugebauer: Prohibits the National Institute of Mental Health at the NIH from further funding a grant studying dorm room wall decorations and college students’ webpages. The amendment would not cut any funding to NIMH; it would simply prevent the Institute from funding this grant and free up any funds that would otherwise go to this grant for other mental health grants.

Ramstad: Increases funds for Access to Recovery grants by \$100 million and reduces 28 “mostly” administrative accounts by a net total of \$104,507,000 (actual text of amendment not available at press time). Rep. Ramstad’s office describes the Access to Recovery Program as follows: “[the Program] provides competitive grants to states to enable people who need chemical dependency treatment to get the help they need from the treatment provider of their choice, including faith-based providers.”

Sanders/Simmons/Carolyn McCarthy: Increases funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) by \$26 million and reduces funds for Departmental Management at the Department of Health and Human Services by \$26 million.

Hayworth: Prohibits funds from being expended by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to exert jurisdiction over any tribally-owned and operated organization or enterprise, as asserted in the Board's decision of May 28, 2004 (San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino).

Hayworth: Prohibits funds from being used to pay benefits under the Social Security totalization agreement the United States signed with Mexico in June.

Stearns: Prohibits funds from being used by the Medicare program on obesity coverage until HHS provides Congress with a report on the increased costs of such coverage.

Allen/Emerson: Funds the provision authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act to conduct research on the outcomes of health care items and services, including the comparative clinical effectiveness of prescription drugs.

Maloney/Woolsey/Sanchez: Restores funding for the Women’s Educational Equity Act (WEEA) at last year’s level of \$3 million. WEEA was designed to help educational agencies and institutions meet the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (regarding educational equity for females).

RSC Staff Contact for Labor-H Amendments: Sheila Cole, Sheila.cole@mail.house.gov, (202) 226-9719; and Paul Teller, paul.teller@mail.house.gov, (202) 226-9718

RSC Staff Contact for Labor-H Base Bill: Russ Vought, Russell.Vought@mail.house.gov (202) 226-8581