1	SEC. 6005. STATE PROGRAM FOR PRESUMPTIVE ELIGI-
2	BILITY.
3	(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall promulgate
4	regulations under which each State operating a program
5	for premium assistance under this subtitle shall have in
6	effect a system under which individuals may be deter-
7	mined presumptively eligible for such assistance by health
8	care providers who furnish services to such individuals.
9	(b) Specifications for Regulations.—The regu-
10	lations promulgated by the Secretary under subsection (a)
11	shall include the following requirements:
12	(1) APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.—Each
13	State shall develop and make available to health care
14	providers in the State a simple form for individuals
15	who receive services from such providers to apply for
16	premium assistance. Such form shall provide for a
17	simple declaration of eligibility for premium assist-
18	ance under this subtitle and shall permit an individ-
19	ual to enroll in a community-rated standard health
20	plan offered in the community rating area in which
21	the individual resides.
22	(2) Submission of completed applica-
23	TION.—If a health care provider receives an applica-
24	tion for presumptive eligibility under this section the
25	provider shall submit the application to the State
26	agency administering the premium assistance pro-

- gram under this subtitle in a timely manner. If the State agency receives an application for presumptive eligibility and the individual who completed such application has failed to select a community-rated standard health plan offered in the community rating area in which the individual resides, the State agency shall select such a plan for the individual.
- (3) EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENROLLMENT.—An individual who enrolls in a community-rated standard health plan in accordance with the presumptive eligibility system established under this section shall be an enrollee of the plan as of the date the individual submits an application to a health care provider.
- (4) Period of presumptive eligibility.— An individual who submits an application to a health care provider under a presumptive eligibility system under this section shall be presumptively eligible for premium assistance under this subtitle for the period beginning on the date such application is submitted and ending 60 days after such date.
- (5) NO RECONCILIATION REQUIRED.—The reconciliation provisions of section 6004 shall not apply to any premium assistance paid on behalf of an individual during a period of presumptive eligibility.

1	(6) REQUIREMENT ON STATES.—During a pe-
2	riod of presumptive eligibility, an individual shall be
3	given an opportunity by a State to apply for con-
4	tinuing eligibility for premium assistance under this
5	subtitle.
6	SEC. 6006. PAYMENTS TO STATES.
7	(a) IN GENERAL.—A State operating a program for
8	furnishing premium assistance under this subtitle shall be
9	entitled to receive payments in an amount equal to the
0	amount expended by the State to operate the program,
1	including the amount of premium assistance paid on be-
12	half of premium subsidy eligible individuals. Such pay-
13	ments shall be made at such time and in such form as
14	provided in regulations promulgated by the Secretary.
15	(b) STATE ENTITLEMENT.—This section constitutes
16	budget authority in advance of appropriations Acts, and
17	represents the obligation of the Federal Government to
8	provide payments to States operating programs under this
19	subtitle in accordance with this section.
20	(c) AUDITS.—The Secretary shall conduct regular
21	audits of the activities under the State programs con-
22	ducted under this subtitle.
23	SEC. 6007. DEFINITIONS AND DETERMINATIONS OF IN-
24	COME.
25	For nurnoses of this subtitle

1	L(1) STANDARD HEALTH PLAN.—The term
2	"standard health plan" means a health plan (as de-
3	fined in section) providing the standard bene-
4	fits package as described in section]
5	(2) CHILD.—The term "child" means an indi-
6	vidual who is under 19 years of age.
7	(3) DETERMINATIONS OF INCOME.—
8	(A) FAMILY INCOME.—The term "family
9	income" means, with respect to an individual
10	who—
11	"(i) is not a dependent (as defined in
12	subparagraph (B)) of another individual,
13	the sum of the modified adjusted gross in-
14	comes (as defined in subparagraph (D))
15	for the individual, the individual's spouse,
16	and children who are dependents of the in-
17	dividual; or
18	(ii) is a dependent of another individ-
19	ual, the sum of the modified adjusted gross
2 0	incomes for the other individual, the other
21	individual's spouse, and children who are
22	dependents of the other individual.
23	(B) DEPENDENT.—The term "dependent"
24	shall have the meaning given such term under

1		section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of
2		1986.
3	• -	(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR FOSTER CHIL-
4		DREN.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a
5		child who is placed in foster care by a State
6		agency under part E of title IV of the Social
7		Security Act shall not be considered a depend-
8	•	ent of another individual.
9	·	(D) Modified adjusted gross in-
10		COME.—The term "modified adjusted gross in-
11		come" means adjusted gross income (as defined
12		in section 62(a) of the Internal Revenue Code
13		of 1986)—
14		(i) determined without regard to sec-
15	·	tions 135, 162(l), 911, 931, and 933 of
16	à	such Code, and
17		(ii) increased by—
18		(I) the amount of interest re-
19	·	ceived or accrued by the individual
20		during the taxable year which is ex-
21	•	empt from tax,
22		(II) the amount of the social se-
23	•	curity benefits (as defined in section
24		86(d) of such Code) received during
25		the taxable year to the extent not in-

1 cluded in a	gross income under section
2 86 of such	Code, and
3 (III) t	he amount of aid to fami-
4 lies with d	ependent children received
5 during the	taxable year under part A
6 of title IV	of the Social Security Act
7 to the external	nt not included in gross in-
8 come under	such Code.
9 The determination	under the preceding sen-
tence shall be made	without regard to any car-
11 ryover or carryback.	
12 ((E) Special	RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS
13 TEMPORARILY UNEM	PLOYED.—
14 (i) IN G	ENERAL.—Notwithstanding
subparagraph (A), for purposes of deter-
16 mining eligibilit	y for premium assistance
17 under this subti	tle in the case of any indi-
vidual whose en	prollment in a health plan
19 terminates beca	use the individual becomes
20 unemployed or	because a member of the
21 individual's far	nily becomes unemployed,
the family inc	come of such individual
shall—	
24 (I) fo	r each month before and
after the p	eriod of unemployment, be

1		reduced by an amount equal to 75
2		percent of the poverty line (deter-
3		mined on a monthly basis); and
4	•	(II) for each month after the
5		date the individual becomes unem-
6		ployed, by an amount equal to any
7	•	unemployment compensation under an
8		unemployment compensation law of a
9		State or of the United States received
10		by or on behalf of the unemployed in-
11		dividual.
12		(ii) LIMITATION.—Clause (i) shall no
13		longer apply to an individual on the earlier
14		of—
15		(I) the date on which the individ-
16	•	ual is able to enroll in health plan due
17		to the individual's employment or the
18	•	employment of a member of the indi-
19		vidual's family; or
20		(Π) the end of the 6-month pe-
21		riod beginning on the first day of the
22		first month during which the individ-
23		ual receives premium assistance under
24	. ··	this subtitle that would not be avail-

1	able to such individual if the provi-
2	sions of clause (i) did not apply.]
3	(4) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—
4	(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "eligible indi-
5	vidual" means an individual who is residing in
6	the United States and who is—
7	(i) a citizen or national of the United
8	States; or
9	(ii) an alien permanently residing in
10	the United States under color of law (as
11	defined in subparagraph (C)).
12	(B) EXCLUSION.—The term "eligible indi-
13	vidual" shall not include an individual who is
14	an inmate of a public institution (except as a
15	patient of a medical institution).
16	(C) ALIEN PERMANENTLY RESIDING IN
17	THE UNITED STATES UNDER COLOR OF LAW.—
18	The term "alien permanently residing in the
19	United States under color of law" means an
20	alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence
21	(within the meaning of section 101(a)(20) of
22	the Immigration and Nationality Act), and in-
23	cludes any of the following:

1		(i) An alien who is admitted as a refu-
2		gee under section 207 of the Immigration
3		and Nationality Act.
4		(ii) An alien who is granted asylum
5		under section 208 of such Act.
6	V	(iii) An alien whose deportation is
7	•	withheld under section 243(h) of such Act.
8	· ·	(iv) An alien who is admitted for tem-
9		porary residence under section 210, 210A,
10		or 245A of such Act.
11		(v) An alien who has been paroled
12		into the United States under section
13	•	212(d)(5) of such Act for an indefinite pe-
14		riod or who has been granted extended vol-
15		untary departure as a member of a nation-
16		ality group.
17		(vi) An alien who is the spouse or un-
18		married child under 21 years of age of a
19		citizen of the United States, or the parent
20		of such a citizen if the citizen is over 21
21		years of age, and with respect to whom an
22		application for adjustment to lawful per-
23	•	manent residence is pending.
24	(5)	POVERTY LINE.—The term "poverty line"
25	means, fo	or a family for a year, the official poverty

1	line (as defined by the Office of Management and
2	Budget, and revised annually in accordance with sec-
3	tion 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation
4	Act of 1981) applicable to a family of the size in-
5	volved.
6	(6) Pregnant woman.—
7	(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "pregnant
8	woman" includes a woman deemed to be a
9	pregnant woman under subparagraph (B).
0	(B) PERIOD AFTER TERMINATION OF
1	PREGNANCY.—For purposes of this subtitle, a
12	woman shall be deemed to be a pregnant
13	woman during the period beginning on the date
14	of the termination of the pregnancy and ending
15	on the first day of the first month that begins
16	more than 90 days after such date.
17	Subtitle B—Individual Cost-
18	Sharing Assistance
19	[Need specifications.]
20	Subtitle C—Employer Subsidies
21	SEC. 6201. PURPOSE.
22	It is the purpose of this subtitle to provide subsidies
23	to eligible employers to assist such employers in providing,
24	or expanding the provision of, health care coverage for the
25	employees of such employers.

1	SEC. 6202. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS.
2	(a) In General.—To be eligible for a subsidy under
3	this subtitle an employer shall—
4	(1) comply with the requirements of part 1 of
5	subtitle D of title I;
6	(2) contribute to the cost of health care cov-
7	erage for all employees of the same class (limited to
8	full- or part-time) employed by the employer;
9	(3) contribute not less than 50 percent of the
0	cost of health care coverage for each class of family
1	enrollment for each employee so covered;
2	(4) prepare and submit to the Secretary of
3	Labor an application, at such time, in such manner
4	and containing such information as the Secretary
5	may require.
6	[(b) Application of Requirements.—
7	(1) In GENERAL.—The requirements of para-
8	graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) shall only apply
9	with respect to the employees described in paragraph
20	(2).
21	(2) COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES.—The employees
22	described in this paragraph are those employees—
23	(A) for which the employer is contributing
24	to the costs of health care coverage, and

1	(B) for which the employer did not make
2	such a contribution prior to the date of enact-
3	ment of this Act.
4	(c) Sole Proprietorships.—A sole proprietorship
5	with not less than 3 full-time employees (including the sole
6	proprietor) shall be eligible for a subsidy under this sub-
7	title if such proprietorship reports the payment of wages
8	(as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), in the
9	year prior to the year for which the subsidy is applied for
10	in an amount required under regulations promulgated by
11	the Secretary of Labor.
12	(d) Ineligibility.—
13	(1) Self-employed individ-
14	ual (as such term is defined in section 1011(c)) shall
15	not be eligible for a subsidy under this subtitle.
16	(2) EMPLOYEE LEASING FIRMS.—An employer
17	that is an employee leasing firm shall not be eligible
18	for a subsidy under this subtitle. The Secretary of
19	Labor shall promulgate regulations defining the
20	term "employee leasing firm".
21	(3) STATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—An em
22	ployer that is a State or local government shall not
23	be eligible for a subsidy under this section.

1 SEC. 6203. EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION.

- 2 (a) REQUIREMENT.—An employer that submits an
- 3 application under section 6202(a)(4) shall certify that
- 4 such employer, prior to the date of enactment of this Act,
- 5 did not contribute to the costs of health care coverage for
- 6 the employees for which the employer is applying for the
- 7 subsidy.
- 8 (b) Contribution Limit.—For purposes of sub-
- 9 section (a), an employer shall be treated as having contrib-
- 10 uted to the health care coverage of an employee if the
- 11 amount of such contribution is \$500 or more (as
- 12 annualized).
- 13 (c) Union Sickness Funds.—For purposes of this
- 14 subtitle, employers that contribute to union sickness funds
- 15 on behalf of their employees shall be deemed to have con-
- 16 tributed to the costs of health care coverage for the em-
- 17 ployees of such employer.
- 18 (d) REGULATIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
- 19 Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations to enable
- 20 an employer to determine whether and to what extent an
- 21 employer contributed to the costs of an employee's health
- 22 care coverage prior to the date of enactment of this Act.
- 23 An employer shall utilize such regulations in submitting
- 24 a certification under this section.

1	SEC. 6204. AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY.
2	(a) In General.—An employer for which an applica-
3	tion has been approved by the Secretary of Labor under
4	this subtitle shall receive a subsidy (to be paid over a 5-
5	year period) in an amount that equals—
6	(1) with respect to the first 3 years after the
7	date of enactment of this Act—
8	(A) 50 percent of the lesser of—
9	(i)(I) the reference premium (as de-
lQ	fined in section 6002(b)(1)(C)) with re-
1	spect to the employees for which the sub-
12	sidy is applied for (for the year involved);
13	or
4	(II) the weighted average premium
15	rate (as defined in section 6002(b)(1)(C))
16	for the purchasing cooperative through
17	which the employer has contributed to the
18	employee's health care coverage (for the
19	year involved); or
20	(ii) in the case of an experience-rated
21	employer, the premium of the experience-
22	rated plan (for the year involved); less
23	(B) 8 percent of the wages of the employ-
24	ees for which the employer is applying for the
5	subsidy (for the year involved).

1	(2) with respect to the fourth year after the
2	date of enactment of this Act—
3	(A) 37.5 percent of the lesser of the
4.	amounts referred to in subparagraph (A) of
5	paragraph (1) (for the year involved); less
6	(B) 8 percent of the wages of the employ-
7	ees for which the employer is applying for the
8	subsidy (for the year involved); and
9	(3) with respect to the fifth year after the date
10	of enactment of this Act—
11	(A) 25 percent of the lesser of the amounts
12	referred to in subparagraph (A) of paragraph
13	(1) (for the year involved); less
14	(B) 8 percent of the wages of the employ-
15	ees for which the employer is applying for the
16	subsidy (for the year involved).
17	(b) LIMITATIONS.—
18	(1) Amount of contribution.—If, in apply-
19	ing the formula under subsection (a), the Secretary
20	of Labor determines that an employer's contribu-
21	tions to the health care coverage costs of its employ-
22	ees exceeds 50 percent of the weighted average pre-
23	mium rate for the purchasing cooperative through
24	which the employer has so contributed (for the year
25	involved), the Secretary shall notify such employer

1	that such employer is not eligible for a subsidy
2	under this subtitle.
3	(2) PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.—With respect to
4	subsidies for health care coverage for part-time em
5	ployee, the Secretary of Labor shall develop a for
6	mula for the pro-rata reduction in such subsidie
7	based on the formula described in subsection (a) and
8	the hours of work performed by the employee.
9	(3) SINGLE SUBSIDY.—An employer shall no
0	be eligible to receive more than one subsidy unde
.1	this section. The Secretary of Labor shall promul
2	gate regulations to ensure that no employer will re
.3	ceive a second or subsequent subsidy under this sub
4	title regardless of whether such employer had pre
5	viously received the previous subsidy as an employe
6	in a capacity different from that of the employer'
7	present capacity.
8	SEC. 6205. DEFINITION.
9	For purposes of this Act, an employee who is em
20	ployed by an employer—
21	(1) for at least 120 hours in a month shall b
22	deemed to be employed on a full-time basis with re
23	spect to that month, or
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1	(2) for at least 40 hours, but less than 120
2	hours, in a month shall be deemed to be employed
3	on a part-time basis.

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Like my Republican colleague in the Senate, John Chafee, I too believe that we are on the brink of enacting health care reform that will make history. And like John Chafee, I continue to hope that we can resist making health care a political issue, and work instead to put the people's interest first by doing what every other industrialized nation in the world has done: guaranteeing health care to all our citizens.

It was with this goal in mind that I, as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, joined John Chafee is voting out the so-called "Mainstream plan" that came before our committee. I had some reservations, but I wanted to keep the process moving, and keep health reform on track.

Make no mistake: the Senate Finance Committee bill contains a lot of good things, and many of its bill partisan provisions will no doubt be adopted in the bill Senator Mitchell will send to the floor this week. But when it comes to judging the elements important to a final health bill, I'll ask three simple questions: 1) Does it commit us, in law, to covering all Americans? 2) Does it provide extra help to make insurance as affordable as possible for small businesses? 3) Does it guarantee older Americans Insurance prescription drugreoverage? On all three of these questions, the answer from the Senate Einance bill is no.

Earlier this week [last week] the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office released their analysis of the Senate Finance Committee bill.

The CBO has now analyzed two non-universal bills, the Cooper bill and the Senate Finance bill. These reports prove that without shared responsibility between employers and employees, it becomes extremely difficult to come close to universal coverage. And they show that non-universal plan can in some instances make things worse for businesses and middle class families.

The CBO found that despite \$924 billion in new government subsidies¹, financed partly through new taxes, insurance coverage would only reach 92%. That means that nearly one in ten Americans -- most of them working -- will be left with no insurance.² Millions more could continue to lose their insurance every year. I find that unacceptable. If we leave 20 million hardworking Americans without insurance, we simply will not have done our job. That's why I will work with the Senate leadership to craft a bill that provides a guarantee of coverage to all Americans.

The CBO also says among those hard hit by the new taxes and cost control mechanisms in the Senate Finance Committee bill will be from that have given generous health care plans in the senate Finance.

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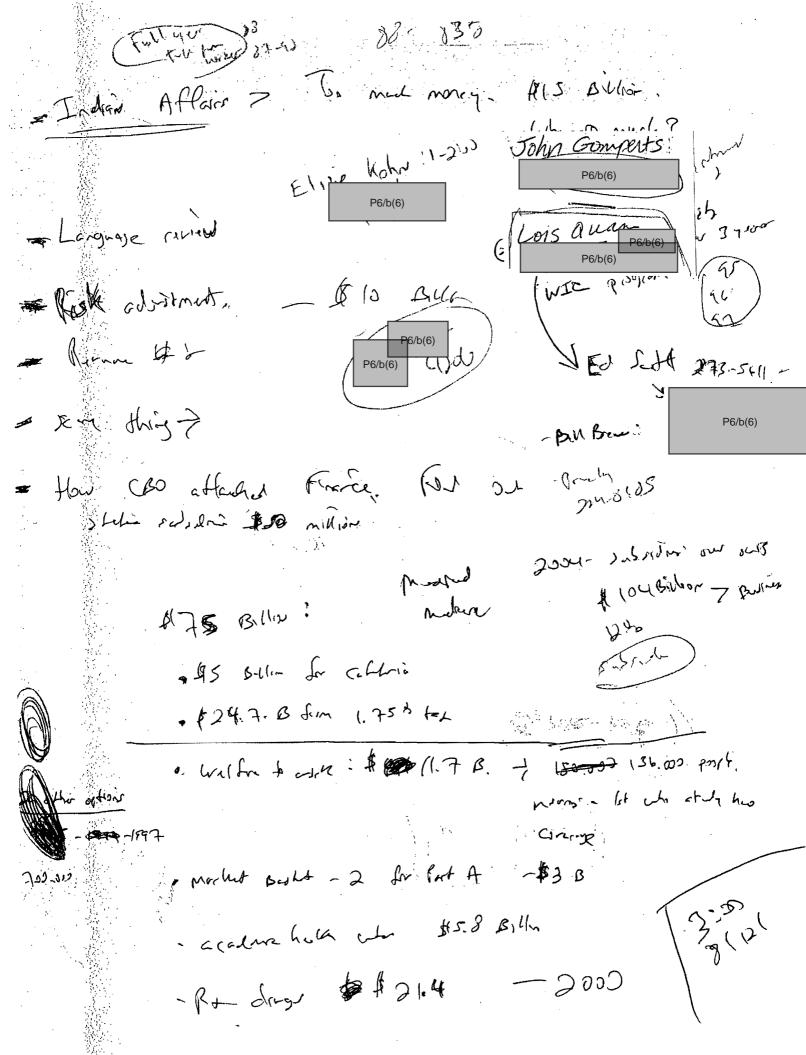
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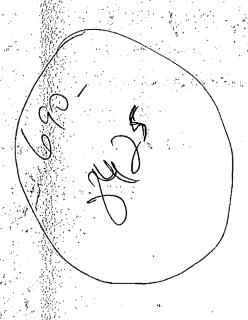
According to the CBO, small businesses that provide insurance will pay 11% more than with universal coverage, and that "small plans with little ability to control their premiums might well be the ones subject to the tax."

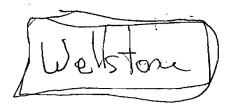
VI represent a state where over 95% of the businesses are small firms, and a plan that's ho-good for small businesses will not pass with David Pryor's help. with the surface of the floor surface.

And finally, the Senate Finance bill takes \$198 billion from Medicare to extend coverage for guaranteed benefits to low-income Americans — including coverage of prescription drugs. But the bill provides no drug coverage to Medicare recipients, even though the cost of medicines is the single highest out-of-pocket expense for three out of four senior citizens. I-think it is patently unfair to leave older Americans as the only Americans without prescription drug coverage, even though Medicare money is buying drug coverage for others.

I think that under Senator Mitchell's leadership, we can and will work to improve the Mainstream Senate Finance Bill so that the answer to my three questions are yes, yes, and yes. And if we do that, I know we'll have a bill that both John Chafee and I can feel proud supporting.

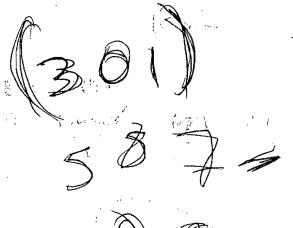








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WIC Mandatory Language

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The attached language is included in both Congressman Williams' and Senator Kennedy's Committee marks on health care reform. It assures full funding for the WIC program through the year 2000 was developed after detailed consultation with the General Counsel of CBO (Gail Del Balzo).

The language in the Health Security Act was modified by Congress to carry out the President's intent with respect to the WIC program -- to assure full funding for WIC through the year 2000 beginning in 1996.

History of language for WIC full funding:

The approach provides a strong incentive for Congress to appropriate specified "target" amounts of funds for WIC each year: \$3.660 billion in 1996, \$3.759 billion in 1997, \$3.861 billion in 1998, \$3.996 billion in 1999, and \$4.136 billion in the year 2000.

The Administration decided against simply mandating the payment of specified additional amounts for WIC. That would not have guaranteed full funding since it left open the possibility of the appropriations committee just reducing the amount they appropriated for WIC. For example, if the appropriators knew that WIC would receive \$350 million from non-appropriated sources, they could reduce the amount they would have otherwise appropriated for WIC by the same or a lesser amount.

The approach establishes that if at least those discretionary "target" amounts are appropriated, then (and only then) additional mandatory money will be provided for WIC to achieve full funding. These additional amounts (\$254 million in 1996, \$407 million in 1997, \$384 million in 1998, \$398 million in 1999, and \$411 million in the year 2000) make up the difference between the appropriated "discretionary" amounts and full funding levels.

This approach also helps the appropriations committees, which have seen major cuts in the amount they have available to spend while at the same time are under pressure to fully fund WIC. The appropriations committees need only to meet the "target" amounts and will still be able to fulfill the President's promise of full funding for WIC.

There was one problem with the language in the Health Security Act -- it established a contingency. The contingency essentially was that if appropriators did not meet the target levels for WIC appropriations, the mandatory money would not be spent.

CBO rules require that to be scored as a mandatory expenditure the money must be spent regardless of what other actions Congress takes.

For that reason, the language as modified by Congress contains an unusual provision—it specifies that if appropriations for WIC do not meet the "target" amounts, the additional amounts of mandatory money will be spent on low income children in the school lunch program. (Under this scenario schools that provide school lunches to these low income children would be entitled to a higher reimbursement rate per meal.)

Extensive meetings with CBO determined that this approach was the only way to make the plan work. If the target amount is hit or exceeded, the additional amounts are spent on WIC and WIC is fully funded. If the target amount is not provided school lunch reimbursements per meal are increased.

Thus the spending is not contingent on appropriations actions -- it will be spent no matter what level of regular appropriations is provided for WIC. We fully expect the WIC appropriations targets to be met, however, and do not expect the school lunch funding to ever go into effect.

Possible Additional language changes:

Congress may need to accommodate a request by the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee that the additional money not come directly from the Treasury Department as in the current language.

The Chairman wants to appropriate those funds -- through a mandatory appropriations provision. This approach works just as well and has the same effect as if the funds came from the Treasury. The difference is that it ostensibly leaves control over WIC in the hands of the appropriators and allows them to claim credit for fully funding WIC each year.

What Chairman Bryd wants was reflected in the original Administration proposal. It was changed in the revision by counsel but not for any substantive reasons.

1	SEC FULL FUNDING FOR WIC.
2	Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
3	U.S.C. 1786) is amended—
4	(1) in the second sentence of subsection (a)—
5	(A) by striking "authorized" and inserting
6	"established"; and
7	(B) by striking ", up to the authorization
8	levels set forth in subsection (g) of this sec-
9	tion," and inserting ", up to the levels made
10	available under this section,";
11	(2) in subsection (c)—
12	(A) in the first sentence of paragraph (1),
13	by striking "may" and inserting "shall"; and
14	(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "appro-
15	priated" and inserting "made available";
16	(3) in subsection (g)—
17	(A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
18	ing the following new paragraph:
19	"(1)(A) There are authorized to be—
20	"(i) appropriated to carry out this section such
21	amounts as are necessary for each of fiscal years
22	1995 through 2000; and
23	"(ii) made available such amounts as are nec-
24	essary for the Secretary of the Treasury to fulfill the
25	requirements of subparagraph (B)

1	"(B)(i) Out of any money in the Treasury not other-
2	wise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pro-
3	vide to the Secretary of Agriculture, on January 1 of each
4	fiscal year, to carry out this subsection—
5	"(I) \$254,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;
6	"(II) \$407,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;
7	"(III) \$384,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
8	"(IV) \$398,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and
9	"(V) \$411,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.
0	"(ii) The Secretary of Agriculture shall be entitled
1	to receive the funds and shall accept the funds.
2	"(C) In lieu of obligating the funds made available
3	under subparagraph (B) to carry out this subsection, if
4	the amount appropriated (in addition to the amount ap-
5	propriated under subparagraph (B)(i)) to carry out this
6	subsection for—
7	"(i) fiscal year 1996 is less than
8	\$3,660,000,000, the amount referred to in subpara-
9	graph (B)(i)(I) shall be obligated by the Secretary,
0	during the period beginning December 31, 1995,
21	and ending June 30, 1996, to increase the special
2	assistance factor prescribed under section 11(a) of
23	the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
4	1759a(a)) for free lunches served under the school

Ţ	funch program (as established under section 4 or
2	such Act (42 U.S.C. 1753));
3	"(ii) fiscal year 1997 is less than
4	\$3,759,000,000, the amount referred to in subpara-
5	graph (B)(i)(II) shall be obligated by the Secretary,
6	during the period beginning December 31, 1996,
7	and ending June 30, 1997, to increase the special
8	assistance factor prescribed under section 11(a) of
9	such Act for free lunches served under the school
10	lunch program (as established under section 4 of
11	such Act);
12	"(iii) fiscal year 1998 is less than
13	\$3,861,000,000, the amount referred to in subpara-
14	graph (B)(i)(III) shall be obligated by the Secretary,
15	during the period beginning December 31, 1997,
16	and ending June 30, 1998, to increase the special
17	assistance factor prescribed under section 11(a) of
18	such Act for free lunches served under the school
19	lunch program (as established under section 4 of
20	such Act);
21	"(iv) fiscal year 1999 is less than
22	\$3,996,000,000, the amount referred to in subpara-
23	graph (B)(i)(IV) shall be obligated by the Secretary,
24	during the period beginning December 31, 1998,
25	and ending June 30, 1999, to increase the special

1	assistance factor prescribed under section 11(a) of
2	such Act for free lunches served under the school
3	lunch program (as established under section 4 of
4	such Act); and
5	"(v) fiscal year 2000 is less than
6	\$4,136,000,000, the amount referred to in subpara-
7	graph (B)(i)(V) shall be obligated by the Secretary,
8	during the period beginning December 31, 1999,
9	and ending June 30, 2000, to increase the special
10	assistance factor prescribed under section 11(a) of
1,1	such Act for free lunches served under the school
12	lunch program (as established under section 4 of
13	such Act).
14	"(D) Any increase in the special assistance factor
15	prescribed under section 11(a) of such Act as a result of
16	subparagraph (C) shall not affect any annual adjustment
17	in the factor under section 11(a)(3) of such Act.".
18	(B) in the first sentence of paragraph (4),
19	by striking "appropriated" and inserting "made
20	available''; and
21	(C) in paragraph (5), by striking "appro-
22	priated" and inserting "made available";
23	(4) in subsection (h)—
24	(A) in paragraph (1)—

1	(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2	"appropriated" both places it appears and
3	inserting "made available"; and
4	(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
5.	"appropriated" both places it appears and
6	inserting "made available"; and
7	(B) in the first sentence of paragraph
8	(2)(A), by striking "1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
9	and 1994" and inserting "1990 through 2000";
0	and
.1	(5) in subsection (l), by striking "funds appro-
2	priated" and inserting "funds made available".