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SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 14833

Section No.	Amendment		Description
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1	1	1	<i>12-month extension of Renegotiation Act.</i> —Extends Renegotiation Act for 12 months (through June 30, 1975), rather than for 18 months (through Dec. 31, 1975) as in the House bill. (Proxmire floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
2	2	1-4	<i>Reimbursement to States for Interim SSI payments.</i> —Provides that, upon the authorization of an applicant for Supplemental Security Income, the Social Security Administration may withhold from his first SSI check and pay to the State an amount sufficient to reimburse the State for interim payments made by the State to meet the individual's basic needs while his claim for Federal SSI benefits was being processed. The amendment expires June 30, 1975, with the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare being required to report to Congress by that date on his recommendations concerning this provision. (Taft floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
3	3	4	<i>Extended unemployment benefits.</i> —Extends for additional 12 months the provision of Public Law 93-256 which permits States to participate in the extended unemployment compensation program if the rate of insured unemployment in the State is at least 4 percent, without regard to the requirement of permanent law that the insured unemployment rate must also have increased by 20 percent over the prior 2 years. The existing provision expires June 30, 1974, and this amendment would extend it through June 30, 1975. (Ribicoff floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)

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4	3	4	<i>Repayment of general fund advance for 1971 Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act benefits.</i> —Under existing law advances which were made from the general fund to the extended unemployment compensation account in order to pay benefits during the first six months of 1972 under the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1971 are to be repaid to the general fund by withholding from any distributions which may otherwise become payable under the Reed Act to those States in which Emergency Unemployment benefits were paid. The amendment would provide instead that these advances are to be repaid to the general fund directly from the extended unemployment account whenever that account has an adequate balance to permit such repayment. (Ribicoff floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
5	4	4-9	<i>Automatic cost-of-living increases in Federal and State Supplemental Security Income benefits.</i> —Provides that, whenever social security benefits are increased through the automatic cost-of-living increase provisions, an identical percentage increase will take place in the level of income assured to aged, blind, and disabled persons under the Federal SSI program. Also provides that States may not offset such increases in Federal SSI benefits by reducing the amount payable under State supplemental benefit programs. One-half of additional State costs resulting from the amendment would be counted in determining the State's savings clause protection under Public Law 92-603 which assures that States will not have to increase expenditures for the aged, blind, and disabled over 1972 levels. (Mondale floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
6	5	10	<i>Funding of inspections of long-term care institutions.</i> —Extends until June 30, 1977 authority for 100 percent Federal financing of expenditures for training and compensation of inspectors of long-term care institutions under Medicaid. (Bennett floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)

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7	6	10	<i>Supervisory physicians in teaching hospitals.</i> —Extends period for study of appropriate and equitable reimbursement for physicians' services provided in teaching hospitals until March 1976; defers until July 1976 the implementation of the 1972 amendment which provided, in part, that charges would be paid only where teaching hospital patient is private patient. (Bentsen floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
8	7	10-12	<i>Medically needy premium.</i> —Removes Title XIX requirement that States must impose a premium or enrollment fee on the medically needy; changes provision from mandatory to optional. (Curtis floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
9	8	12-13	<i>Renegotiation Act study.</i> —Directs the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation to conduct a comprehensive study and investigation of the operation and effect of the Renegotiation Act, with the results of the study and recommendations reported to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Finance by May 31, 1977. (Proxmire floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)
10	9	13-15	<i>Treatment of certain farm rental income.</i> —Provides that an individual land owner who enters into an agreement with a person to manage his farm shall not have his rental income under the agreement counted as income for social security purposes, provided that the landowner does not personally participate in the management or production of the farmland. (Curtis floor amendment adopted by voice vote.)