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Both the US Senate and the House of Representatives have passed a bill expanding the number of weeks available for Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits up to 14 weeks for all states and up to an additional 6 weeks for high unemployment states like Nevada. The new extended benefits bill has been signed into law by the President. A date benefits will become available has not been determined. The U.S. Department of Labor will issue the instructions necessary to allow states to begin paying these additional benefits.

Nearly 8,000 claimants, who have exhausted all of their benefits, will be mailed a notice explaining how they can apply for these additional benefits, said Cindy Jones, Deputy Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, (DETR)/Employment Security Division Administrator.

Availability of EUC claims filing:

The Division has diligently been working on the necessary computer enhancements to enable payment of the EUC additional benefits. The programming changes are well under way and information is available by visiting the DETR website at www.nvdetr.org or by calling the Telephone Claim Center and selecting “**option 6, and then option 2**” for the latest EUC information. Claimants who have exhausted their benefits are discouraged from contacting the Unemployment Insurance telephone claims centers to speak with an Unemployment Insurance Representative, as they do not have any additional information at this time.

Northern Nevada -- (775) 684-0350, option 6, and then option 2

Southern Nevada -- (702) 486-0350, option 6, and then option 2

Rural Nevada & Out-of-State -- (888) 890-8211, option 6, and then option 2