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**Amendments to H.R. 2352**—Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009

H.R. 2352, the Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act (sponsored by *Rep. Shuler, D-NC*), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res.457](#)), making in order the following 9 amendments. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except earmark and “pay-go” violations. The rule allows one hour of debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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### AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. **Velazquez (D-NY)**. Managers Amendment making technical corrections and adding additional provisions affecting several sections of the bill. Specifically, the amendment would allow the veterans business programs to advise reservists on how to handle their small businesses when they are deployed. The matching grant requirements for Veterans Business Centers are waived for low-income individuals or in areas with extreme unemployment. Additionally, the amendment attempts to ensure that veterans in rural areas have adequate access to a Veterans Business Center, makes the Green Technology Training program apply to existing small businesses, and provides maximum grant awards to women's and veterans business centers that institute green entrepreneurial programs. Finally, it will require small business centers to provide services that focus on energy efficiency, green technology, or clean technology, under the Green Entrepreneurs Training Program that assist low-income or dislocated workers.
2. **Polis (D-CO)**. Ensures that projects that increase energy efficiency or reduce energy consumption in a small business qualify as an eligible project under the women’s business centers program.
3. **Paulsen (R-MN)**. Requires a Government Accountability Office report on the effectiveness of H.R. 2352 and how it can be implemented more effectively to serve small businesses owned by veterans.

4. ***Bocchieri (D-OH)***. Instructs the Veterans Development Summit to improve outreach to veterans in areas of high employment.
5. ***Himes (D-CT)***. Amends the Small Business Act to establish a Microenterprise Training Center Program, consisting of ten locations to help low-income and unemployed individuals start a Microenterprise (small business of less than 5 people that require less than \$40,000 of start-up funds).
6. ***Kratovil (D-MD)***. Amends the Small Business Act to establish a Rural Entrepreneurship Advisory Council comprised of a number of federal agencies and representatives from the academic, small business, agriculture, and high-tech communities. The council is required to provide a report to Congress on how to provide advice and recommendations to foster rural entrepreneurship.
7. ***Murphy (D-NY)***. Increases the size of first tier and second tier grants by \$50,000, to a total of \$200,000 and \$150,000 respectively. This increases the total authorizations in H.R. 2352 by \$4,000,000 over two years.
8. ***Nye (D-VA)***. Amends the Small Business Act to establish the Military Entrepreneurs Program. This program will provide a liaison office to facilitate outreach to members of the Armed Forces with respect to business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance. This section increases the authorization in H.R. 2352 by \$1,000,000 over two years.
9. ***Schauer (D-MI)***. Establishes an additional grant program to H.R. 2352 to provide small manufacture's with assistance transitioning into new growth sections. This section increases the authorization in H.R. 2352 by \$5,000,000 over two years. Some conservatives have expressed concerns that this amendment may favor one particular industry over others that are also struggling.

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