

## Jobless benefits extended

There will probably be three 'breaking news' stories from The Washington Post: senate passes, house passes, and Obama signs. The first one is already here.

News Alert: Senate votes 60-40 to advance jobless benefits legislation  
02:37 PM EDT Tuesday, July 20, 2010  
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The Senate voted Tuesday to advance legislation that would restore emergency jobless benefits to millions of people who have been out of work for more than six months, overcoming Republican objections that had delayed action for weeks.

To break the impasse, two Republicans voted with a Democratic caucus newly fortified by the appointment of Sen. Carte Goodwin, who replaced the late Robert Byrd of West Virginia. One Democrat, Sen. Ben Nelson (Neb.), voted no.

The measure now goes to the House, where leaders hope to approve it and send it on to the White House on Wednesday. If approved, the measure would restore benefits to more than 2.5 million people who have seen their checks cut off since the emergency program expired June 2. It would also provide up to 99 weeks of income support to a broader universe of jobless workers through the end of November.

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Search term: I looked at both 'jobless benefits extended' and 'jobless benefits.' 'Jobless benefits' found 1500 going back to the morning just before the breaking news was posted and all were about the Senate passage as far as I could tell. 'jobless benefits extended' produce only 800+ messages. Obviously it is more 'on point' but it leaves out messages because of the inclusion of 'extended.' So the search term is jobless benefits.

The first search using Archivist produced 1500 messages. I started a search with SocialPing as soon as I finished trying out search terms. That will be used for all post-Archivist search messages. So the first 1500 messages are from Archivist and from then on it is SocialPing.

Now the House; that should give a boost to the message stream.

News Alert: Congress extends emergency jobless benefits  
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Congress has approved a six-month extension of emergency jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed. The House gave the measure final approval and sent it on to the White House.

The bill will revive a program that provides up to 99 weeks of income support to those who have exhausted state benefits, immediately restoring aid to nearly 3 million people who have seen their checks cut off since the program expired June 2.

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The president's signature for this legislation did not warrant a breaking news story by The Post, but Obama did sign it.

The SocialPing search was halted April 25, 2010. Messages found was 5925. The total reach was 26.8 million. Average reach per message was 4,500, which is pretty impressive. An initial search using desktop Archivist found 1,800 messages that are not included in the SocialPing search that started after the Archivist search to determine feasibility of the search term.

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