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PELL LABOR-RELATED PROVISIONS IN BILL

Fishermen included in definition of Dislocated Worker: Currently Rhode Island fishermen fall through the cracks and are not eligible for retraining. Your amendment, added during markup and retained in Conference, would allow RI fishermen to get off the boats and develop a new skill.

Pell/Dodd National Emergency Assistance Fund: During Senate consideration of the bill, your staff worked with Dodd's staff to develop a national emergency assistance grant program similar to the one that currently exists. This would allow Governors to apply to the Federal government for emergency loans for economic, natural and other disasters. This program works well and should be retained. (Rhode Island has received a number of these grants - most recently for the closure of the Almacs Supermarket chain)

Priority for New Job Corps Centers: I have included a provision within the Job Corps section of the Conference Report that gives a priority to those states without Job Corps Centers when new Centers are opened under the bill.