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**Chairman Inouye Statement on Senate Passage of  
“American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”**  
*Calls Legislation “Essential to Renewing America’s Prosperity”*

Washington, DC – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) today hailed the U.S. Senate’s passage of the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act” as a crucial first step on America’s road to economic recovery. The bill, which cleared the Senate by a 61 to 37 vote, includes \$290 billion in critical domestic appropriations.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes total investments of \$838 billion for America’s working families, funding that will not only jumpstart our economy and create jobs in the near-term, but also help to build the foundation for America’s economic growth for many years to come.

**“If we are to renew the promise of prosperity and opportunity in our nation, we must first halt the downward economic spiral we now confront,”** said Senator Inouye. **“The Senate’s action today sends a clear signal to the American people that their government will not stand idly by as this economic crisis continues to worsen.**

**“The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is the right medicine for what ails our economy. By investing in critical domestic priorities that will create millions of jobs, and by providing tax relief for working families, this bill will help to jumpstart our economy, and begin to put our nation back on the right track. I intend to work closely with my Senate colleagues and our counterparts in the House to move this legislation forward with the urgency that this crisis demands.”**

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