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Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye's Statement on Senate Passage of Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Legislation

Washington, DC – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) today applauded the U.S. Senate's passage of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009. Following a successful cloture vote of 62 to 35, the Senate approved the bill, which includes \$410 billion in investments, by voice vote. The measure now goes to the President for his signature.

“With the Senate’s action today, we have finally closed the book on last year’s appropriations work. This legislation will not only compliment the recently enacted recovery package, but will also provide much-needed guidance to executive agencies that have been operating without such guidance for the past six months.

“As I stated on the Senate floor, an Omnibus bill is no way to fund the federal government, and it remains my firm intention as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee to proceed with each Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations bill under regular order. I look forward to working with Vice Chairman Cochran, my subcommittee Chairmen and our Republican Ranking Members to make that happen in the bipartisan fashion that is the tradition of the Appropriation Committee.”

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