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### **Chairman Inouye Statement on Senate Passage of the 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act Conference Report**

Washington, DC – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) issued the following statement following the U.S. Senate’s approval of the Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2009 Conference Report. The report, which cleared the Senate by a 91 to 5 vote, includes total appropriations of \$105.9 billion, including \$79.9 billion for the Department of Defense to support ongoing operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, \$10.4 billion for the Department of State and USAID, \$7.7 billion to support an appropriate response to the current pandemic flu outbreak, and \$5 billion in loan guarantees to support \$108 in International Monetary Fund loans to countries struggling to deal with the current economic crisis. The Supplemental now goes to President Obama for his signature.

**“Supporting our troops should never be a partisan issue, and I am pleased with the final vote on this measure. I am also pleased with the fact that nine of the 12 Republican members of the Appropriations Committee supported the final conference report in conference,”** said Senator Inouye. **“Ultimately, both Democrats and Republicans were forced to accept compromises on this bill. I am hopeful that this spirit of bipartisan cooperation and compromise bodes well for the coming months as we seek to pass each of the 12 regular appropriations bills, starting with this week’s markups of the Homeland Security and Legislative Branch Appropriations bills.”**

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