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Chairman Inouye Statement on Senate Passage of Conference Report for “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”

Washington, DC – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) today hailed the U.S. Senate’s approval of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Conference Report as a victory for America’s struggling economy. The report, which cleared the Senate by a 60 to 38 vote, includes \$311 billion in critical domestic appropriations as part of a total package of \$787 billion.

“The expeditious action taken by the Senate underscores the gravity of the crisis that we face,” said Senator Inouye. “I am pleased we arrived at a compromise that allowed us to move on to final votes in the House and the Senate, and I look forward to having the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on President Obama’s desk for his signature in the very near future. This bill will help to save or create 3.5 million jobs, give working families immediate tax cuts, provide essential aid to states, and help rebuild our nation’s crumbling infrastructure. This is not a perfect bill, but it is a good bill, and it will begin the process of leading America out of this crisis and back on a path to strong, sustainable economic growth.”

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