

THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before we leave, I want to say a couple of things.

It is a very important vote we have tomorrow. I want the Senate to know we have received support from all over the country on the Senate stimulus package. I picked two of these just to comment on at this time.

The Los Angeles Times editorial policy in recent years has not been very progressive in nature, but to date here is what they said:

It's looking all but certain that Congress will pass an economic stimulus bill before mid-February, which isn't necessarily good news. It's questionable whether handing taxpayers a few hundred bucks each would really jolt a sluggish economy, yet there's no doubt at all that it would increase an already scary national debt. Still, some stimuli are more appealing than others, and if we must have a bill, the Senate has a better plan than the House.

Among other things, this editorial says:

The Senate's plan extends unemployment insurance by an additional 13 weeks, provides rebate checks to about 20 million seniors living on Social Security and about 250,000 disabled veterans (neither group would get a penny under the House version), and expands home-heating subsidies. Jobless people and those on fixed incomes are much more likely to spend their rebate checks quickly than those in the middle class, so if the goal is to stimulate spending, this is precisely the population Congress should be targeting.

The Senate also addresses one of the biggest failings of last year's energy bill. Wind and solar power installations are growing at a sizzling pace, but that growth is fueled by production tax credits that expire at the end of next year. An extension was stripped from the energy bill because of an unrelated dispute over taxing oil companies. The credits must be extended as quickly as possible because investors won't pump money into clean power if there's a danger of losing their tax incentives. Renewable energy reduces reliance on foreign oil while cutting greenhouse gases and other pollutants; green technology is also an extremely promising growth industry that could help make up for the loss of manufacturing jobs.

The final paragraph of the editorial is as follows:

McCain has made much during the campaign about his determination to combat global warming. If he's the man of conviction he claims to be, he should return to Washington and back the Baucus bill.

That was the Los Angeles Times.

Mr. President, now the Arizona Republic, which is a very conservative publication. That is an understatement. But here is what they said:

The economic stimulus package from Congress needs some power. Renewable power. The plan should include an extension of tax credits for renewable-energy sources, such as wind, solar and geothermal.

We would get a three-for-one impact: creating jobs, diversifying our energy supply, and reducing pollution.

These aren't new tax credits. They're existing ones that are serving us well. Last year, nearly 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy came on line. That injected \$20 billion into the economy. . . .

Mr. President, this bill that came out of the Finance Committee, which we

will vote on tomorrow, is a good piece of legislation—the Arizona Republic, the Los Angeles Times—and we have had support from all over the country.

I will quote directly from the President's State of the Union Address when he said:

We should allow State housing agencies to issue tax free bonds to help homeowners refinance their mortgages. (Applause.)

This was greeted by applause.

These are difficult times for many American families, and by taking these steps, we can help more of them to keep their homes.

That is in our bill.

We are going to have an opportunity at a quarter to 6 tomorrow to vote on this package. We are not going to pick and choose which of these provisions on a bipartisan basis is placed in the bill. Are we going to throw overboard the seniors? No, they are part of the package. Are we going to throw under the bus disabled veterans? No. Are we going to do away with these business provisions that the business community loves because it will create jobs? Are we going to throw over the homebuilders who are in Washington trying to get this package passed? No. It is important. It is important because it will stop foreclosures. It will help an industry that is in peril. Are we going to tell people who are unemployed, some of whom have been unemployed for a long period of time, that we are not going to help them, we are going to strip them out of the package?

Everything we have in this bill is good. We have to go to conference anyway because there is a provision in here dealing with people who are undocumented and getting benefits.

This is a program, it is a package, it is a good package. That is why we have had support from all over the country as to how much better it is than the proposal we got from the House. Is there anything wrong with the House bill? No, not as far as it goes; it just didn't go far enough. Democrats will vote for this bill, all 51 Democrats will vote for this, but I plead with my Republican friends, this is an important piece of legislation, not for Democrats, not for Republicans, it is for the American people.

I was called by one of my Senators this afternoon. He said he talked with one of the Republican Senators, one of the senior Senators, and said: Can you support us? He said: No, I can't because the Republican leader said at our conference today that he thinks we will have an opportunity to put in the seniors.

Democrats are not willing to throw overboard the very needy people who we believe should be part of this package. It is a package and it is a good package. Are my Republican colleagues going to tell the unemployed it is unnecessary they get help? Are they going to tell the business community this is not necessary now? I am not going to go through all the provisions of the legislation, but it is good, it is a package. And my Republican col-

leagues, nine of them, we need nine of them. We know we have three from the Finance Committee, and I hope we have some other brave souls who will do the right thing for the American people and not follow the path that for 7 years has led this country into a period of where today—the last report I got is the Dow Jones was down about 350 points. Up and down—it is very bad for the economy.

My Republican colleagues should understand that the White House has done the country and not done the Republicans any favors during these past 7 years. The economy is in a deep trip south, and we have to do what we can to rectify that situation. It would help if we passed our package. I cannot imagine why they would keep walking over that cliff as a result of what this President is telling them to do. It is disaster for them. It is disaster for the American people. And nine of them should step forward and do the right thing.

Senator GRASSLEY supports this package. Senator GRASSLEY is one of the most conservative Members in this entire Senate. He is doing it because it is the right thing to do. This gentleman farmer is a great legislator. My Republican colleagues, support this man, support the ranking member of the Finance Committee. It would be good for our country, good for our economy.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; there then be a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority in control of the first half and the Republicans in control of the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 2248, the FISA bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, with the agreement we just entered on the economic stimulus bill, there will be a rollcall vote at 5:45 p.m. on the cloture motion on the Finance amendment. In addition, Senators should be aware rollcall votes are possible earlier in the day. I would hope that is the case.

We don't have an agreement on FISA yet, but I have been given the assurance by my Republican colleagues that, for example, the amendment the

Presiding Officer and Senator SPECTER are going to offer should be debated tomorrow. There should be time before we have the 5:45 vote. We have a very important amendment to debate that has to be completed with Senator DODD and Senator FEINSTEIN regarding immunity. Senator FEINSTEIN has the ability to offer an amendment, and I hope we have votes on these and get rid of a lot of this tomorrow. We have been told the last few days that we could have some votes and we wind up not having votes, but I hope we can.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order now before the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:23 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HUGO LLORENS, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS.

MARIANNE MATUZIC MYLES, OF NORTH CAROLINA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CLYDE R. COOK, JR., OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHARLES R. REAVIS.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 3064:

To be general

LT. GEN. RAYMOND T. ODIERNO, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. MARTIN E. DEMPSEY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. KATHLEEN M. GAINNEY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. SCOTT G. WEST, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DARRELL L. MOORE, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. DERWOOD C. CURTIS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. HARRY B. HARRIS, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. ELIZABETH A. HIGHT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JOHN M. BIRD, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

SAMUEL H. WILLIAMS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

MICHAEL R. BROOKS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

JAMES E. DAVIS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL G. RYDER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

MARVIN P. ANDERSON, 0000

JAMES W. BAIK, 0000

JOSEPH S. COWARD, 0000

DAVID FERGUSON, 0000

MARK R. GLEISNER, 0000

JULIO GONZALES III, 0000

ROBERT G. HALE, 0000

WILLIAM HANN, 0000

DAVID B. HEMBREE, 0000

WALTER A. HODD, 0000

JEFFREY A. HODD, 0000

VALERIE E. HOLMES, 0000

UBREY R. HOPKINS, JR., 0000

DAVID M. JEFFALONE, JR., 0000

CHRISTOPH I. LANGER, 0000

SUNG Y. LEE, 0000

RICHARD E. LYNNE, 0000

TROY MARBURGER, 0000

TIMOTHY A. MITCHENER, 0000

JOHN B. MOODY, 0000

JOSE E. OLAZAGASTI, 0000

DIANNE PANNES, 0000

GRANT A. PERRINE, 0000

ALBERT E. SCOTT, JR., 0000

GREGORY W. SILVER, 0000

DAVID C. SMISSON, JR., 0000

THOMAS S. SYMPSON, 0000

JAMES L. THOMPSON, 0000

ROBERT R. THRASHER, 0000

CRAIG P. TORRES, 0000

FRANKLIN E. TUTTLE, 0000

MARK V. VAIL, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

JOHN P. ALBANO, 0000

CHRISTINA M. BELNAP, 0000

DAVID M. BENEDEK, 0000

NANCY B. BLACK, 0000

EDWARD H. BOLAND, 0000

STEVEN J. BREWSTER, 0000

JOHN CARAVALHO, 0000

MELINDA A. CAVICCHIA, 0000

ARTHUR B. CHASEN, 0000

KENNETH H. CHO, 0000

FRANK L. CHRISTOPHER, 0000

JEFFREY L. CLEMONS, 0000

RODNEY L. COLDREN, 0000

TRINKA S. COSTER, 0000

THOMAS K. CURRY, 0000

RONALD D. DEGUZMAN, 0000

ARTHUR J. DELORIMIER, 0000

PAUL DUCH, 0000

NATHAN S. ELLIS, 0000

MICHAEL A. ESLAVA, 0000

LESLIE S. FOSTER, 0000

JAMES L. FURGERSON, 0000

ROGER A. GALLUP, 0000

DEAN A. GANT, 0000

ROBERT V. GIBBONS, 0000

THOMAS W. GIBSON, 0000

JOHN E. GLORIOSO, JR., 0000

ELIZABETH C. GOLLADAY, 0000

DOMINGO P. GONZALEZ, 0000

JESS A. GRAHAM, 0000

KURT W. GRATHWOHL, 0000

THOMAS W. GREIG, 0000

FERNANDO B. GUERENA, 0000

MARK D. HARRIS, 0000

BENJAMIN P. HARRISON, 0000

ERIC R. HELLING, 0000

JAVIER HERNANDEZ, 0000

CHRISTINA C. HILL, 0000

PEYTON H. HURT, 0000

LESLIE W. JACKSON, 0000

BOBBY W. JONES, 0000

RONALD P. KING, 0000

ANDREW J. KOSMOWSKI, 0000

RICHARD K. KYNION, 0000

ROBERT C. LADD, 0000

SARAH L. LENTZKAPUA, 0000

DALE H. LEVANDOWSKI, 0000

MICHAEL D. LEWIS, 0000

KENNETH K. LINDELL, 0000

ERIC T. LUND, 0000

WENDY MA, 0000

CHRISTIAN R. MACEDONIA, 0000

MICHAEL S. MACHEN, 0000

MAMMEN P. MAMMEN, JR., 0000

RODRIGO A. MARIANO, 0000

STEPHEN N. MARKS, 0000

ALBERT J. MARTINS, 0000

JEFFREY P. MAWHINNEY, 0000

GEORGE L. MAXWELL, 0000

GARNER P. MCKENZIE, 0000

EDWARD C. MICHAUD III, 0000

CAROL A. MOORES, 0000

ERIC D. MORGAN, 0000

FLETCHER M. MUNTER, 0000

KELLY A. MURRAY, 0000

JAMES M. NOLD, 0000

KEVIN C. OCONNOR, 0000

ERIC W. OLINS, 0000

HOLLY L. OLSON, 0000

PATRICK G. OMALLEY, 0000

DANIEL E. PARKS, 0000

PAUL F. PASQUINA, 0000

KRIS A. PETERSON, 0000

RICHARD P. PETRI, JR., 0000

MICHAEL L. PLACE, 0000

JAMES M. PTACEK, 0000

MARK M. REEVES, 0000

VERONICA J. ROOKS, 0000

DANIEL J. SCHISSEL, 0000

GUNTHER J. SHEN, 0000

ERIC E. SHUPING, 0000

HYUN S. SIM, 0000

NEIL H. SITENGA, 0000

DOUGLAS W. SODERDAHL, 0000

JOHN J. STASINOS, 0000

ALEXANDER STOJADINOVIC, 0000

MICHAEL J. SUNDBORG, 0000

JOSEPH B. SUTCLIFFE, 0000

DONALD L. TAILLON, 0000

MAUREEN L. TATE, 0000

CHARLES L. TAYLOR, 0000

KENNETH TRZEPKOWSKI, 0000

MANUEL VALENTIN, 0000

DAVID P. VETTER, 0000

DALE L. WALDNER, 0000

CRAIG R. WEBB, 0000

PAUL W. WHITECAR, 0000

ANDREW R. WIESEN, 0000

RICHARD K. WINKLE, 0000

KEITH J. WROBLEWSKI, 0000

VIRGINIA D. YATES, 0000

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

NICOLAS AGUILAR, 0000

RICHARD L. ANSCHUTZ, 0000

NORMAN W. AYOTTE, 0000

ROGER L. BALL, 0000

DAVID J. BAUDER, 0000

DANIEL J. BEQUILLARD, 0000

JAMES H. BOONE, 0000

NATHAN T. BOYKIN, 0000

STEVEN L. BRIGGS, 0000

BRIAN L. BURGEMASTER, 0000

RENEE E. COLE, 0000

MICHAEL J. COOTE, 0000

COLLEEN A. DANIELS, 0000

SEAN F. DELGREGO, 0000

GEORGE J. DEVITA, 0000

JULIANE L. DOUGLAS, 0000

DAVID N. FELTWELL, 0000

DANIEL P. FISHER, 0000

TIMOTHY J. FLAUGHER, 0000

BONNIE J. GARCIA, 0000

MICHAEL P. GARRISON, 0000

DEREK A. GEORGE, 0000