

Ameriquest Mortgage Company/ACC Capital Holdings Corporation, New Century Financial Corporation, and the list goes on, through Aegis Mortgage Corporation/Cerberus Capital Management, to the tune of \$11.5 billion of subprime loans, and still counting.

These top 25 lenders were responsible for nearly \$1 trillion of subprime loans, according to a Center for Public Integrity analysis of 7.2 million "high interest" loans made from 2005 through 2007. Together, the companies account for about 72 percent of high-priced loans reported to the government at the peak of the subprime market. Securities created from subprime loans have been blamed for the economic collapse from which the world's economies have yet to recover.

1. Countrywide Financial Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$97.2 billion.

2. Ameriquest Mortgage Co./ACC Capital Holdings Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$80.6 billion.

3. New Century Financial Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$75.9 billion.

4. First Franklin Corp./National City Corp./Merrill Lynch & Co.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$68 billion.

5. Long Beach Mortgage Co./Washington Mutual; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$65.2 billion.

6. Option One Mortgage Corp./H&R Block Inc.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$64.7 billion.

7. Fremont Investment & Loan/Fremont General Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$61.7 billion.

8. Wells Fargo Financial/Wells Fargo & Co.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$51.8 billion.

9. HSBC Finance Corp./HSBC Holdings plc; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$50.3 billion.***

10. WMC Mortgage Corp./General Electric Co.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$49.6 billion.

11. BNC Mortgage Inc./Lehman Brothers; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$47.6 billion.***

12. Chase Home Finance/JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$30 billion.

13. Accredited Home Lenders Inc./Lone Star Funds V; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$29.0 billion.

14. IndyMac Bancorp, Inc.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$26.4 billion.

15. CitiFinancial/Citigroup Inc.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$26.3 billion.

16. EquiFirst Corp./Regions Financial Corp./Barclays Bank plc; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$24.4 billion.

17. Encore Credit Corp./ECC Capital Corp./Bear Stearns Cos. Inc.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$22.3 billion.

18. American General Finance Inc./American International Group Inc. (AIG); Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$21.8 billion.***

19. Wachovia Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$17.6 billion.

20. GMAC LLC/Cerberus Capital Management; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$17.2 billion.***

21. NovaStar Financial Inc.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$16 billion.

22. American Home Mortgage Investment Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$15.3 billion.

23. GreenPoint Mortgage Funding Inc./Capital One Financial Corp.; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$13.1 billion.

24. ResMAE Mortgage Corp./Citadel Investment Group; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$13 billion.

25. Aegis Mortgage Corp./Cerberus Capital Management; Amount of Subprime Loans: At least \$11.5 billion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BRALEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BRALEY of Iowa addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the National Day of Prayer, which will be observed tomorrow, which has been celebrated every year in this country since 1952. On this day, we give thanks and prayer to the blessings that God has bestowed on America. We take comfort in knowing that throughout American history, our Creator has not been neutral in our struggles.

For centuries, since America's earliest settlement, prayer and a vigorous faith have marked our national journey. Our Founding Fathers sought His guidance during the early days of our young Republic. Other than Scripture, perhaps the greatest words ever written are from our Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Founded on these trusts, our Nation's reliance on God and Judeo-Christian principles have allowed us to become the greatest force for good in history. Faith in God is the cornerstone of us being a good people and will continue to keep us a great Nation.

Tomorrow, millions of Americans will take time out of their day to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. As Americans, we have much to be thankful for. It is appropriate that we have set aside a day for public recognition that is not by our own hands, but by our Creator's, that our Nation has prospered and our people are free.

When we stray from our founding principles based on timeless Judeo-Christian truths and informed by centuries of Western thought, we become a Nation adrift, without purpose and without destination.

Tomorrow, we will affirm the importance of prayer in our national life. We will recognize that the institutions of family and marriage are foundational, and that God and prayer most certainly have a place in the public square.

It is a disappointment, then, that President Obama is choosing not to participate in the National Day of Prayer as his predecessors before him have done. This action sends the wrong message to the American people. Instead of publicly joining millions of Americans in praying for our Nation, President Obama has chosen to distance himself from this important event by merely issuing a proclamation from the White House. It is my hope that in the future, President Obama will take a more active role in the National Day of Prayer.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the many people who make this event possible each year. I invite all of my colleagues to use this day to reflect on the need of prayer in their own lives and, just as importantly, the continuing need for prayers for our Nation.

Ronald Reagan said it best when he remarked that when we stop being one Nation under God, we will be a Nation gone under.

I pray that God will always continue to bless America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Ms. FALLIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. FALLIN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THANK YOU TO OFFICER KEITH LEWIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mrs. SCHMIDT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, for 11 straight years, my city, the city of Cincinnati, has hosted the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon, and it's truly a great event. As a runner who has participated in all 11, I can tell you it's one of the finest in the Nation.

The brainchild of Bob Coughlin, this marathon hosts over 23,000 participants, including special events on Saturday that actually include young children and the disabled. There's 3,000-plus volunteers that make this effort happen, and hundreds of thousands of people along the sidelines watching us run. It's a great party. It's a great time.

On Sunday, something happened that I think merits some distinction in this great body, and that's the actions of a police officer, Officer Keith Lewis of the Mariemont Police Department.

You see, on Sunday, May 3, as we were running through the streets of Cincinnati, Officer Keith Lewis was on