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AN ACT

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, ETC.

- 2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "AMT Relief Act of 2007".
- 4 (b) Reference.—Except as otherwise expressly pro-
- 5 vided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is
- 6 expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a
- 7 section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-
- 8 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the In-
- 9 ternal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 10 (c) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for
- 11 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title, etc.

TITLE I—INDIVIDUAL TAX RELIEF

- Sec. 101. Extension of alternative minimum tax relief for nonrefundable personal credits.
- Sec. 102. Extension of increased alternative minimum tax exemption amount.
- Sec. 103. Increase of AMT refundable credit amount for individuals with longterm unused credits for prior year minimum tax liability, etc.
- Sec. 104. Refundable child credit.

TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Nonqualified Deferred Compensation From Certain Tax Indifferent Parties

Sec. 201. Nonqualified deferred compensation from certain tax indifferent parties.

Subtitle B—Codification of Economic Substance Doctrine

- Sec. 211. Codification of economic substance doctrine.
- Sec. 212. Penalties for underpayments.

Subtitle C—Other Provisions

- Sec. 221. Delay in application of worldwide allocation of interest.
- Sec. 222. Modification of penalty for failure to file partnership returns.
- Sec. 223. Penalty for failure to file S corporation returns.
- Sec. 224. Increase in minimum penalty on failure to file a return of tax.
- Sec. 225. Time for payment of corporate estimated taxes.

TITLE I—INDIVIDUAL TAX 1 RELIEF 2 3 SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RE-4 LIEF **FOR NONREFUNDABLE PERSONAL** 5 CREDITS. 6 (a) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section 26(a) (relating to special rule for taxable years 2000 through 7 8 2006) is amended— (1) by striking "or 2006" and inserting "2006, 9 10 or 2007", and 11 (2) by striking "2006" in the heading thereof 12 and inserting "2007". 13 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after 15 December 31, 2006. SEC. 102. EXTENSION OF INCREASED ALTERNATIVE MIN-17 IMUM TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNT. 18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 55(d) 19 (relating to exemption amount) is amended— 20 (1) by striking "(\$62,550 in the case of taxable 21 years beginning in 2006)" in subparagraph (A) and 22 inserting "(\$66,250 in the case of taxable years be-23 ginning in 2007)", and 24 (2) by striking "(\$42,500 in the case of taxable 25 years beginning in 2006)" in subparagraph (B) and

1	inserting "(\$44,350 in the case of taxable years be-
2	ginning in 2007)".
3	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
4	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
5	December 31, 2006.
6	SEC. 103. INCREASE OF AMT REFUNDABLE CREDIT
7	AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LONG-
8	TERM UNUSED CREDITS FOR PRIOR YEAR
9	MINIMUM TAX LIABILITY, ETC.
10	(a) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section 53(e) is
11	amended to read as follows:
12	"(2) AMT REFUNDABLE CREDIT AMOUNT.—
13	For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'AMT re-
14	fundable credit amount' means, with respect to any
15	taxable year, the amount (not in excess of the long-
16	term unused minimum tax credit for such taxable
17	year) equal to the greater of—
18	"(A) 50 percent of the long-term unused
19	minimum tax credit for such taxable year, or
20	"(B) the amount (if any) of the AMT re-
21	fundable credit amount determined under this
22	paragraph for the taxpayer's preceding taxable
23	year.''.
24	(b) Treatment of Certain Underpayments, In-
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- 1 MENT OF INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS.—Section 53 is
- 2 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 3 section:

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- 4 "(f) Treatment of Certain Underpayments, In-
- 5 TEREST, AND PENALTIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TREAT-
- 6 MENT OF INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS.—
- "(1) Abatement.—Any underpayment of tax 7 8 outstanding on the date of the enactment of this 9 subsection which is attributable to the application of 10 section 56(b)(3) for any taxable year ending before 11 January 1, 2007 (and any interest or penalty with 12 respect to such underpayment which is outstanding 13 on such date of enactment), is hereby abated. No 14 credit shall be allowed under this section with re-15 spect to any amount abated under this paragraph.
 - "(2) Increase in Credit for Certain interest or penalty paid before the date of the enactment of this subsection which would (but for such payment) have been abated under paragraph (1) shall be treated for purposes of this section as an amount of adjusted net minimum tax imposed for the taxable year of the underpayment to which such interest or penalty relates."
- 25 (c) Effective Date.—

- 1 (1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
- 2 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
- 3 shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
- 4 ber 31, 2006.
- 5 (2) ABATEMENT.—Section 53(f)(1) of the In-
- 6 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by sub-
- 7 section (b), shall take effect on the date of the en-
- 8 actment of this Act.

9 SEC. 104. REFUNDABLE CHILD CREDIT.

- 10 (a) Modification of Threshold Amount.—
- 11 Clause (i) of section 24(d)(1)(B) is amended by inserting
- 12 "(\$8,500 in the case of taxable years beginning in 2008)"
- 13 after "\$10,000".
- 14 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 15 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
- 16 December 31, 2007.

17 TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS

- 18 Subtitle A—Nonqualified Deferred
- 19 Compensation From Certain
- 20 Tax Indifferent Parties
- 21 SEC. 201. NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION
- FROM CERTAIN TAX INDIFFERENT PARTIES.
- 23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part II of sub-
- 24 chapter E of chapter 1 (relating to taxable year for which

1	items of gross income included) is amended by inserting
2	after section 457 the following new section:
3	"SEC. 457A. NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION
4	FROM CERTAIN TAX INDIFFERENT PARTIES.
5	"(a) In General.—Any compensation which is de-
6	ferred under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan of
7	a nonqualified entity shall be taken into account for pur-
8	poses of this chapter when there is no substantial risk of
9	forfeiture of the rights to such compensation.
10	"(b) Nonqualified Entity.—For purposes of this
11	section, the term 'nonqualified entity' means—
12	"(1) any foreign corporation unless substan-
13	tially all of its income is—
14	"(A) effectively connected with the conduct
15	of a trade or business in the United States, or
16	"(B) subject to a comprehensive foreign in-
17	come tax, and
18	"(2) any partnership unless substantially all of
19	its income is allocated to persons other than—
20	"(A) foreign persons with respect to whom
21	such income is not subject to a comprehensive
22	foreign income tax, and
23	"(B) organizations which are exempt from
24	tax under this title.

1	"(c) Ascertainability of Amounts of Com-
2	PENSATION.—
3	"(1) In general.—If the amount of any com-
4	pensation is not ascertainable at the time that such
5	compensation is otherwise to be taken into account
6	under subsection (a)—
7	"(A) such amount shall be so taken into
8	account when ascertainable, and
9	"(B) the tax imposed under this chapter
10	for the taxable year in which such compensation
11	is taken into account under subparagraph (A)
12	shall be increased by the sum of—
13	"(i) the amount of interest determined
14	under paragraph (2), and
15	"(ii) an amount equal to 20 percent of
16	the amount of such compensation.
17	"(2) Interest.—For purposes of paragraph
18	(1)(B)(i), the interest determined under this para-
19	graph for any taxable year is the amount of interest
20	at the underpayment rate under section 6621 plus
21	1 percentage point on the underpayments that would
22	have occurred had the deferred compensation been
23	includible in gross income for the taxable year in
24	which first deferred or, if later, the first taxable year

1	in which such deferred compensation is not subject
2	to a substantial risk of forfeiture.
3	"(d) Other Definitions and Special Rules.—
4	For purposes of this section—
5	"(1) Substantial risk of forfeiture.—
6	"(A) In general.—The rights of a person
7	to compensation shall be treated as subject to
8	a substantial risk of forfeiture only if such per-
9	son's rights to such compensation are condi-
10	tioned upon the future performance of substan-
11	tial services by any individual.
12	"(B) Exception for compensation
13	BASED ON GAIN RECOGNIZED ON AN INVEST
14	MENT ASSET.—
15	"(i) In general.—To the extent pro-
16	vided in regulations prescribed by the Sec
17	retary, if compensation is determined solely
18	by reference to the amount of gain recog-
19	nized on the disposition of an investment
20	asset, such compensation shall be treated
21	as subject to a substantial risk of for
22	feiture until the date of such disposition.
23	"(ii) Investment asset.—For pur
24	poses of clause (i), the term 'investment

1	asset' means any single asset (other than
2	an investment fund or similar entity)—
3	"(I) acquired directly by an in-
4	vestment fund or similar entity,
5	"(II) with respect to which such
6	entity does not (nor does any person
7	related to such entity) participate in
8	the active management of such asset
9	(or if such asset is an interest in an
10	entity, in the active management of
11	the activities of such entity), and
12	"(III) substantially all of any
13	gain on the disposition of which (other
14	than such deferred compensation) is
15	allocated to investors in such entity.
16	"(iii) Coordination with special
17	RULE FOR SHORT-TERM DEFERRALS OF
18	COMPENSATION.—Paragraph (3)(B) shall
19	not apply to any compensation to which
20	clause (i) applies.
21	"(2) Comprehensive foreign income tax.—
22	The term 'comprehensive foreign income tax' means,
23	with respect to any foreign person, the income tax
24	of a foreign country if—

1	"(A) such person is eligible for the benefits
2	of a comprehensive income tax treaty between
3	such foreign country and the United States, or
4	"(B) such person demonstrates to the sat-
5	isfaction of the Secretary that such foreign
6	country has a comprehensive income tax.
7	Such term shall not include any tax unless such tax
8	includes rules for the deductibility of deferred com-
9	pensation which are similar to the rules of this title.
10	"(3) Nonqualified deferred compensa-
11	TION PLAN.—
12	"(A) In General.—The term 'non-
13	qualified deferred compensation plan' has the
14	meaning given such term under section
15	409A(d), except that such term shall include
16	any plan that provides a right to compensation
17	based on the appreciation in value of a specified
18	number of equity units of the service recipient.
19	"(B) Exception for short-term de-
20	FERRALS.—Compensation shall not be treated
21	as deferred for purposes of this section if the
22	service provider receives payment of such com-
23	pensation not later than 12 months after the
24	end of the taxable year of the service recipient
25	during which the right to the payment of such

- 1 compensation is no longer subject to a substan-2 tial risk of forfeiture.
- 3 "(4) Exception for Certain Compensation 4 WITH RESPECT TO EFFECTIVELY CONNECTED IN-5 COME.—In the case a foreign corporation with in-6 come which is taxable under section 882, this section 7 shall not apply to compensation which, had such 8 compensation had been paid in cash on the date that 9 such compensation ceased to be subject to a sub-10 stantial risk of forfeiture, would have been deduct-11 ible by such foreign corporation against such income.
- 12 "(5) APPLICATION OF RULES.—Rules similar to 13 the rules of paragraphs (5) and (6) of section 14 409A(d) shall apply.
- "(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including regulations disregarding a substantial risk of forfeiture in cases where necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.".
- 21 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 26(b)(2) is 22 amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph 23 (S), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (T) 24 and inserting ", and", and by adding at the end the fol-25 lowing new subparagraph:

1	"(U) section 457A(c)(1)(B) (relating to as-
2	certainability of amounts of compensation).".
3	(c) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections
4	of subpart B of part II of subchapter E of chapter 1 is
5	amended by inserting after the item relating to section
6	457 the following new item:
	"Sec. 457A. Nonqualified deferred compensation from certain tax indifferent parties.".
7	(d) Effective Date.—
8	(1) In general.—Except as otherwise pro-
9	vided in this subsection, the amendments made by
10	this section shall apply to amounts deferred which
11	are attributable to services performed after Decem-
12	ber 31, 2007.
13	(2) Application to existing deferrals.—
14	In the case of any amount deferred to which the
15	amendments made by this section do not apply solely
16	by reason of the fact that the amount is attributable
17	to services performed before January 1, 2008, to the
18	extent such amount is not includible in gross income
19	in a taxable year beginning before 2017, such
20	amounts shall be includible in gross income in the
21	later of—
22	(A) the last taxable year beginning before
23	2017, or

- 1 (B) the taxable year in which there is no 2 substantial risk of forfeiture of the rights to 3 such compensation (determined in the same 4 manner as determined for purposes of section
- 5 457A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 6 added by this section).

- (3) Accelerated payments.—No later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue guidance providing a limited period of time during which a nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement attributable to services performed on or before December 31, 2007, may, without violating the requirements of section 409A(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, be amended to conform the date of distribution to the date the amounts are required to be included in income.
- (4) CERTAIN BACK-TO-BACK ARRANGEMENTS.—
 If the taxpayer is also a service recipient and maintains one or more nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements for its service providers under which any amount is attributable to services performed on or before December 31, 2007, the guidance issued under paragraph (3) shall permit such arrangements to be amended to conform the dates of

distribution under such arrangement to the date
amounts are required to be included in the income
of such taxpayer under this subsection.

(5) Accelerated payment not treated as
MATERIAL MODIFICATION.—Any amendment to a
nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement
made pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) shall not be

treated as a material modification of the arrange-

ment for purposes of section 409A of the Internal

10 Revenue Code of 1986.

11 Subtitle B—Codification of

12 Economic Substance Doctrine

- 13 SEC. 211. CODIFICATION OF ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE DOC-
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- 15 (a) In General.—Section 7701 is amended by re-
- 16 designating subsection (p) as subsection (q) and by insert-
- 17 ing after subsection (o) the following new subsection:
- 18 "(p) Clarification of Economic Substance
- 19 Doctrine.—
- 20 "(1) Application of Doctrine.—In the case
- of any transaction to which the economic substance
- doctrine is relevant, such transaction shall be treated
- as having economic substance only if—

1	"(A) the transaction changes in a mean-
2	ingful way (apart from Federal income tax ef-
3	fects) the taxpayer's economic position, and
4	"(B) the taxpayer has a substantial pur-
5	pose (apart from Federal income tax effects)
6	for entering into such transaction.
7	"(2) Special rule where taxpayer relies
8	ON PROFIT POTENTIAL.—
9	"(A) In General.—The potential for
10	profit of a transaction shall be taken into ac-
11	count in determining whether the requirements
12	of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1)
13	are met with respect to the transaction only if
14	the present value of the reasonably expected
15	pre-tax profit from the transaction is substan-
16	tial in relation to the present value of the ex-
17	pected net tax benefits that would be allowed if
18	the transaction were respected.
19	"(B) Treatment of fees and foreign
20	TAXES.—Fees and other transaction expenses
21	and foreign taxes shall be taken into account as
22	expenses in determining pre-tax profit under
23	subparagraph (A).
24	"(3) State and local tax benefits.—For
25	purposes of paragraph (1), any State or local income

1	tax effect which is related to a Federal income tax
2	effect shall be treated in the same manner as a Fed-
3	eral income tax effect.
4	"(4) Financial accounting benefits.—For
5	purposes of paragraph (1)(B), achieving a financial
6	accounting benefit shall not be taken into account as
7	a purpose for entering into a transaction if such
8	transaction results in a Federal income tax benefit.
9	"(5) Definitions and special rules.—For
10	purposes of this subsection—
11	"(A) ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE DOCTRINE.—
12	The term 'economic substance doctrine' means
13	the common law doctrine under which tax bene-
14	fits under subtitle A with respect to a trans-
15	action are not allowable if the transaction does
16	not have economic substance or lacks a business
17	purpose.
18	"(B) Exception for Personal Trans-
19	ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of an
20	individual, paragraph (1) shall apply only to
21	transactions entered into in connection with a
22	trade or business or an activity engaged in for
23	the production of income.
24	"(C) OTHER COMMON LAW DOCTRINES
25	NOT AFFECTED.—Except as specifically pro-

vided in this subsection, the provisions of this
subsection shall not be construed as altering or
supplanting any other rule of law, and the requirements of this subsection shall be construed
as being in addition to any such other rule of
law.

- "(D) DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF DOCTRINE NOT AFFECTED.—The determination of whether the economic substance doctrine is relevant to a transaction shall be made in the same manner as if this subsection had never been enacted.
- "(6) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Such regulations may include exemptions from the application of this subsection.".
- 18 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 19 this section shall apply to transactions entered into after 20 the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 21 SEC. 212. PENALTIES FOR UNDERPAYMENTS.
- 22 (a) Penalty for Underpayments Attributable
- 23 TO TRANSACTIONS LACKING ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE.—

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- 1 (1) In General.—Subsection (b) of section 2 6662 is amended by inserting after paragraph (5) 3 the following new paragraph:
- "(6) Any disallowance of claimed tax benefits by reason of a transaction lacking economic sub-6 stance (within the meaning of section 7701(p)) or 7 failing to meet the requirements of any similar rule of law.". 8
- 9 (2) Increased penalty for nondisclosed 10 TRANSACTIONS.—Section 6662 is amended by add-11 ing at the end the following new subsection:
- 12 "(i) Increase in Penalty in Case of Nondis-CLOSED NONECONOMIC SUBSTANCE TRANSACTIONS.— 13
- 14 "(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that a por-15 tion of the underpayment to which this section ap-16 plies is attributable to one or more nondisclosed non-17 economic substance transactions, subsection (a) shall 18 be applied with respect to such portion by sub-19 stituting '40 percent' for '20 percent'.
- 20 "(2)Nondisclosed NONECONOMIC SUB-STANCE TRANSACTIONS.—For purposes of this sub-22 section, the term 'nondisclosed noneconomic sub-23 stance transaction' means any portion of a trans-24 action described in subsection (b)(6) with respect to 25 which the relevant facts affecting the tax treatment

- 1 are not adequately disclosed in the return nor in a 2 statement attached to the return.
- "(3) 3 Special RULE FOR AMENDED RE-4 TURNS.—Except as provided in regulations, in no 5 event shall any amendment or supplement to a re-6 turn of tax be taken into account for purposes of 7 this subsection if the amendment or supplement is 8 filed after the earlier of the date the taxpayer is first 9 contacted by the Secretary regarding the examina-10 tion of the return or such other date as is specified 11 by the Secretary.".
- (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph
 (B) of section 6662A(e)(2) is amended—
- 14 (A) by striking "section 6662(h)" and in-15 serting "subsection (h) or (i) of section 6662", 16 and
- 17 (B) by striking "GROSS VALUATION
 18 MISSTATEMENT PENALTY" in the heading and
 19 inserting "CERTAIN INCREASED UNDER20 PAYMENT PENALTIES".
- 21 (b) Reasonable Cause Exception Not Applica-
- 22 BLE TO NONECONOMIC SUBSTANCE TRANSACTIONS, TAX
- 23 Shelters, and Certain Large Corporations.—Sub-
- 24 section (c) of section 6664 is amended—

1	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
2	paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively,
3	(2) by striking "paragraph (2)" in paragraph
4	(4), as so redesignated, and inserting "paragraph
5	(3)", and
6	(3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
7	lowing new paragraph:
8	"(2) Exception for noneconomic sub-
9	STANCE TRANSACTIONS, TAX SHELTERS, AND CER-
10	TAIN LARGE CORPORATIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall
11	not apply—
12	"(A) to any portion of an underpayment
13	which is attributable to one or more tax shelters
14	(as defined in section $6662(d)(2)(C)$) or trans-
15	actions described in section 6662(b)(6), and
16	"(B) to any taxpayer if such taxpayer is a
17	specified large corporation (as defined in section
18	6662(d)(2)(D)(ii)).".
19	(c) Application of Penalty for Erroneous
20	CLAIM FOR REFUND OR CREDIT TO NONECONOMIC SUB-
21	STANCE TRANSACTIONS.—Section 6676 is amended by re-
22	designating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and inserting
23	after subsection (b) the following new subsection:
24	"(c) Noneconomic Substance Transactions
25	TREATED AS LACKING REASONABLE BASIS—For pur-

1	poses of this section, any excessive amount which is attrib-
2	utable to any transaction described in section 6662(b)(6)
3	shall not be treated as having a reasonable basis.".
4	(d) Special Understatement Reduction Rule
5	FOR CERTAIN LARGE CORPORATIONS.—
6	(1) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section
7	6662(d) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8	lowing new subparagraph:
9	"(D) Special reduction rule for cer-
10	TAIN LARGE CORPORATIONS.—
11	"(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
12	specified large corporation—
13	"(I) subparagraph (B) shall not
14	apply, and
15	"(II) the amount of the under-
16	statement under subparagraph (A)
17	shall be reduced by that portion of the
18	understatement which is attributable
19	to any item with respect to which the
20	taxpayer has a reasonable belief that
21	the tax treatment of such item by the
22	taxpayer is more likely than not the
23	proper tax treatment of such item.
24	"(ii) Specified large corpora-
25	TION.—

1	"(I) In general.—For purposes
2	of this subparagraph, the term 'speci-
3	fied large corporation' means any cor-
4	poration with gross receipts in excess
5	of \$100,000,000 for the taxable year
6	involved.
7	"(II) AGGREGATION RULE.—All
8	persons treated as a single employer
9	under section 52(a) shall be treated as
10	one person for purposes of subclause
11	(I).".
12	(2) Conforming amendment.—Subparagraph
13	(C) of section 6662(d)(2) is amended by striking
14	"Subparagraph (B)" and inserting "Subparagraphs
15	(B) and (D)(i)(II)".
16	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
17	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
18	the date of the enactment of this Act.
19	Subtitle C—Other Provisions
20	SEC. 221. DELAY IN APPLICATION OF WORLDWIDE ALLOCA-
21	TION OF INTEREST.
22	(a) In General.—Paragraphs (5)(D) and (6) of sec-
23	tion 864(f) are each amended by striking "December 31,
24	2008" and inserting "December 31, 2017".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
- 3 December 31, 2008.
- 4 SEC. 222. MODIFICATION OF PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO
- 5 FILE PARTNERSHIP RETURNS.
- 6 (a) Extension of Time Limitation.—Subsection
- 7 (a) of section 6698 (relating to general rule) is amended
- 8 by striking "5 months" and inserting "12 months".
- 9 (b) Increase in Penalty Amount.—Paragraph
- 10 (1) of section 6698(b) is amended by striking "\$50" and
- 11 inserting "\$100".
- 12 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 13 this section shall apply to returns required to be filed after
- 14 the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 15 SEC. 223. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE S CORPORATION
- 16 RETURNS.
- 17 (a) In General.—Part I of subchapter B of chapter
- 18 68 (relating to assessable penalties) is amended by adding
- 19 at the end the following new section:
- 20 "SEC. 6699A. FAILURE TO FILE S CORPORATION RETURN.
- 21 "(a) GENERAL RULE.—In addition to the penalty im-
- 22 posed by section 7203 (relating to willful failure to file
- 23 return, supply information, or pay tax), if any S corpora-
- 24 tion required to file a return under section 6037 for any
- 25 taxable year—

- 1 "(1) fails to file such return at the time pre-
- 2 scribed therefor (determined with regard to any ex-
- 3 tension of time for filing), or
- 4 "(2) files a return which fails to show the infor-
- 5 mation required under section 6037,
- 6 such S corporation shall be liable for a penalty determined
- 7 under subsection (b) for each month (or fraction thereof)
- 8 during which such failure continues (but not to exceed 12
- 9 months), unless it is shown that such failure is due to rea-
- 10 sonable cause.
- 11 "(b) Amount Per Month.—For purposes of sub-
- 12 section (a), the amount determined under this subsection
- 13 for any month is the product of—
- 14 "(1) \$100, multiplied by
- 15 "(2) the number of persons who were share-
- 16 holders in the S corporation during any part of the
- taxable year.
- 18 "(c) Assessment of Penalty.—The penalty im-
- 19 posed by subsection (a) shall be assessed against the S
- 20 corporation.
- 21 "(d) Deficiency Procedures Not To Apply.—
- 22 Subchapter B of chapter 63 (relating to deficiency proce-
- 23 dures for income, estate, gift, and certain excise taxes)
- 24 shall not apply in respect of the assessment or collection
- 25 of any penalty imposed by subsection (a).".

- 1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 2 for part I of subchapter B of chapter 68 is amended by
- 3 adding at the end the following new item:
 - "Sec. 6699A. Failure to file S corporation return.".
- 4 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 5 this section shall apply to returns required to be filed after
- 6 the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 7 SEC. 224. INCREASE IN MINIMUM PENALTY ON FAILURE TO
- 8 FILE A RETURN OF TAX.
- 9 (a) In General.—Subsection (a) of section 6651 is
- 10 amended by striking "\$100" in the last sentence and in-
- 11 serting "\$150".
- 12 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 13 this section shall apply to returns the due date for the
- 14 filing of which (including extensions) is after December
- 15 31, 2007.
- 16 SEC. 225. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CORPORATE ESTIMATED
- 17 TAXES.
- 18 The percentage under subparagraph (B) of section
- 19 401(1) of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation

- 1 Act of 2005 in effect on the date of the enactment of this
- 2 Act is increased by 52.5 percentage points.

Passed the House of Representatives December 12, 2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk.