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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 65—CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND RECOGNIZING THE PROMINENCE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE PLAYED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BELIEFS

Mr. DURBIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 65

Whereas Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was born of humble roots on February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln rose to political prominence as an attorney with a reputation for fairness, honesty, and a belief that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected and served with distinction in 1832 as a captain of an Illinois militia company during the Black Hawk War;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834 from Sangamon County and was successively re-elected until 1840;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln revered the Declaration of Independence, forming the motivating moral and natural law principle for his opposition to the spread of slavery to new States entering the Union and to his belief in slavery's ultimate demise;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1846 to serve in the United States House of Representatives, ably representing central Illinois;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln re-entered political life as a reaction to the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854, which he opposed;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln expounded on his views of natural rights during the series of debates with Stephen A. Douglas in 1858, declaring in Charleston, Illinois that natural rights were "enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", and these views brought Lincoln into national prominence;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln, through a legacy of courage, character, and patriotism, was elected to office as the 16th President of the United States on November 6, 1860;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln believed the Declaration of Independence to be the anchor of American republicanism, stating on February 22, 1861, during an address at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that, "I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence . . . I have often inquired of myself, what great principle or idea it was that kept this Confederacy so long together. It was not the mere matter of separation of the Colonies from the motherland; but that sentiment in the Declaration of Independence which gave liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but, I hope, to the world, for all future time. It was that which gave promise that in due time the weight would be lifted from the shoulders of men";

Whereas, upon taking office and being thrust into the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves in southern States that seceded from the Union on January 1, 1863;

Whereas, on November 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln dedicated the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with the Gettysburg Address, which would later be known as his greatest speech, that harkened back to the promises of the Declaration of Independence in the first sentence: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal";

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was reelected to the presidency on November 8, 1864, by 55 percent of the popular vote;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country, dying 6 weeks into his second term on April 15, 1865;

Whereas the year 2009 will be the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and the United States will observe 2 years of commemorations beginning February 12, 2008; and

Whereas all Americans could benefit from studying the life of Abraham Lincoln as a model of achieving the American Dream through honesty, integrity, loyalty, and a lifetime of education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) requests that the President issue a proclamation each year recognizing the anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(2) encourages State and local governments and local educational agencies to devote sufficient time to study and appreciate the reverence and respect Abraham Lincoln had for the significance and importance of the Declaration of Independence in the development of American history, jurisprudence, and the spread of freedom around the world.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3989. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3990. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3991. Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3992. Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3993. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3994. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3995. Mr. NELSON, of Florida (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3996. Mr. NELSON, of Florida (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3997. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 submitted by Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. INOUE) to the amendment SA 3899 proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. SALAZAR) to the bill S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3998. Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3999. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4000. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4001. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4002. Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4003. Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4004. Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4005. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4006. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4007. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DODD, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WEBB) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4008. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 5140, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3989. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 55, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 203. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN LOAN LIMIT FOR HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGES.

For home equity conversion mortgages originated during the period beginning on July 1, 2007, and ending at the end of December 31, 2008, notwithstanding section 255(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20(g)), the limitation on the maximum principal obligation of a home equity conversion mortgage that may be insured by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under such section 255 shall not exceed the dollar limitation established under section 201(a)(2) of this Act (relating to increased loan limits for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation).

SEC. 204. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN LOAN LIMIT FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

During the period beginning on July 1, 2007, and ending at the end of December 31, 2008, with respect to any bank, trust company, personal finance company, mortgage company, building and loan association, installment lending company, or other such financial institution, that received or seeks insurance protection under section 2 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1703(b)), the dollar limitation against losses which may sustain as a result of a loan, advance of credit, or purchase of an obligation representing such loans and advances shall not exceed—

(1) \$25,090 if made for the purpose of financing alterations, repairs and improvements upon or in connection with existing manufactured homes;

(2) \$69,678 if made for the purpose of financing the purchase of a manufactured home;

(3) \$92,904 if made for the purpose of financing the purchase of a manufactured home and a suitably developed lot on which to place the home; and

(4) \$23,226 if made for the purpose of financing the purchase, by an owner of a manufactured home which is the principal residence of that owner, of a suitably developed lot on which to place that manufactured home, and if the owner certifies that he or she will place the manufactured home on the lot acquired with such loan within 6 months after the date of such loan.

SA 3990. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 14, after line 22, insert the following:

SEC. 104. CARRYBACK OF CERTAIN NET OPERATING LOSSES ALLOWED FOR 5 YEARS; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 90 PERCENT AMT LIMIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (H) of section 172(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(H) 5-YEAR CARRYBACK OF CERTAIN LOSSES.—

“(i) TAXABLE YEARS ENDING DURING 2001 AND 2002.—In the case of a net operating loss for any taxable year ending during 2001 or 2002, subparagraph (A)(i) shall be applied by substituting ‘5’ for ‘2’ and subparagraph (F) shall not apply.

“(ii) TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING OR ENDING DURING 2006, 2007, AND 2008.—In the case of a net operating loss for any taxable year beginning or ending during 2006, 2007, or 2008—

“(I) subparagraph (A)(i) shall be applied by substituting ‘5’ for ‘2’.

“(II) subparagraph (E)(ii) shall be applied by substituting ‘4’ for ‘2’, and

“(III) subparagraph (F) shall not apply.”.

(b) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 90 PERCENT LIMIT ON CERTAIN NOL CARRYBACKS AND CARRYOVERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 56(d) of the of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the amount described in clause (I) of paragraph (1)(A)(ii) shall be increased by the amount of the net operating loss deduction allowable for the taxable year under section 172 attributable to the sum of—

“(A) carrybacks of net operating losses from taxable years beginning or ending during 2006, 2007, and 2008, and

“(B) carryovers of net operating losses to taxable years beginning or ending during 2006, 2007, or 2008.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subclause (I) of section 56(d)(1)(A)(i) of such Code is amended by inserting “amount of such” before “deduction described in clause (ii)(I)”.

(c) ANTI-ABUSE RULES.—The Secretary of Treasury or the Secretary’s designee shall prescribe such rules as are necessary to prevent the abuse of the purposes of the amendments made by this section, including anti-stuffing rules, anti-churning rules (including rules relating to sale-leasebacks), and rules similar to the rules under section 1091 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating to losses from wash sales.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) SUBSECTION (a).—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to net operating losses arising in taxable years beginning or ending in 2006, 2007, or 2008.

(B) ELECTION.—In the case of a net operating loss for a taxable year beginning or ending during 2006 or 2007—

(i) any election made under section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may (notwithstanding such section) be revoked before November 1, 2008, and

(ii) any election made under section 172(j) of such Code shall (notwithstanding such section) be treated as timely made if made before November 1, 2008.

(2) SUBSECTION (b).—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to taxable years ending after December 31, 1995.

SA 3991. Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE VI—OTHER ASSISTANCE

SEC. 601. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING BENEFITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$12,000”; and

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$50,000” and inserting “\$60,000”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$12,000”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall be effective during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2008.

(c) REVIVAL.—Effective on October 1, 2008, the provisions of subsection (b)(2) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) of such section 2102, as such provisions were in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, are hereby revived.

SEC. 602. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDING AUTOMOBILES OR OTHER CONVEYANCES TO CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3902(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “\$11,000” and inserting “\$22,484”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2008.

(c) REVIVAL.—Effective on October 1, 2008, the provisions of such section 3902(a), as such provisions were in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, are hereby revived.

SA 3992. Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . EMERGENCY FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the purposes of section 27(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)) \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary may—

(A) waive such procurement rules as may be necessary to expedite the purchase and distribution of commodities to emergency feeding organizations; and

(B) divert to the emergency food assistance program established under the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.) commodities held in inventory for other programs that can be replaced at a later date without program disruption.

(2) DISTRIBUTION COSTS.—A State may choose to use up to 10 percent of the total funds made available to the State under this section for distribution costs.

SA 3993. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery