S. 521

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 3, 2009

Mr. Inhofe introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "TARP Oversight En-
- 5 hancement Act".

1 SEC. 2. ENHANCED OVERSIGHT OF THE TARP.

| 2 | Section 116(a)(1) of the Emergency Economic Sta- |
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| 3 | bilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5226(a)(1)) is amended |
| 4 | by adding at the end the following: |
| 5 | "(I) With respect to any financial institu- |
| 6 | tion or other entity participating in a program |
| 7 | established under this Act, any sole expendi- |
| 8 | ture, transaction, or commitment to purchase |
| 9 | or any pattern of expenditures, transactions, or |
| 10 | commitments to purchase by such financial in- |
| 11 | stitution or other entity that exceeds \$10,000, |
| 12 | in aggregate, and is not essential to— |
| 13 | "(i) ensuring the recovery of the fi- |
| 14 | nancial institution or entity; |
| 15 | "(ii) restoring the solvency of the fi- |
| 16 | nancial institution or entity; |
| 17 | "(iii) improving the liquidity of the fi- |
| 18 | nancial institution or entity; |
| 19 | "(iv) enhancing returns for the inves- |
| 20 | tors of the financial institution or entity; |
| 21 | and |
| 22 | "(v) increasing the net worth of the |
| 23 | financial institution or entity.". |

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