



## H.RES. 977 – EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT REBATE CHECKS WOULD BETTER STIMULATE THE ECONOMY IF SPENT ON AMERICAN-MADE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANIES

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 977 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bruce Braley (D-IA) on February 12, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was never considered.

H.Res. 977 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 11, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 977 resolves that the House of Representatives encourages Americans to use their rebate checks from the stimulus package to purchase American-made goods and services from American-owned companies.

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### BACKGROUND

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According to a [June 3, 2008, U.S. Census Bureau report](#), national new orders placed for American manufactured goods increased \$5 billion dollars between March 2008 and April 2008, totaling \$445.2 billion in domestically manufactured sales orders. As of March 2008, American retail and food service sales totaled \$346 billion.

The House passed H.R. 5140, the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 on February 7, 2008 by a vote of 380 to 34. President Bush signed the bill into law February 13, 2008 (P.L. 110-185). The bill provided individuals with tax rebate checks of up to \$600 for individuals and up to \$1,200 for joint filers. All those who qualify for a rebate will receive an additional \$300 for each qualifying child.

[Internal Revenue Service Stimulus Rebate website](#)

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