

Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. 503. REPORTS ON ISSUER PRACTICES DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN THE DATE OF ENACTMENT AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to require credit card issuers and the agencies that regulate such issuers to report information on increases in consumer interest rates and consumer complaints that occur during the period between the date of enactment of this Act and the effective date of this Act under section 3.

(b) **REPORTS TO AGENCIES REQUIRED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 45 days thereafter, each card issuer shall submit to the appropriate enforcement agency a report containing data on any increase in consumer interest rates by the card issuer made on or after May 1, 2009.

(2) **CONTENTS OF REPORTS.**—The reports required under paragraph (1)—

(A) shall include—

(i) the number of cardholders affected by each such increase;

(ii) the categories of cardholders affected by each such increase;

(iii) the size of each such increase;

(iv) the reason for each such increase; and

(v) a summary of the volume and nature of any complaints received from cardholders concerning interest rate increases that would be prohibited if such increases took place after the effective date of this Act; and

(B) need not include information on individually negotiated changes to contractual terms, such as individually modified work-outs or renegotiations of amounts owed by a consumer under an open end consumer credit plan.

(c) **SUMMARY OF DATA ON COMPLAINTS.**—Each appropriate enforcement agency shall—

(1) summarize information on the volume and nature of any complaints received by such agency from a consumer concerning interest rate increases that would be prohibited if such increases took place after the effective date of this Act; and

(2) provide such summary to the Board for purposes of subsection (e).

(d) **REPORTS AND DATA AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC.**—Each appropriate enforcement agency shall make the reports and data required under subsections (b) and (c) available to the public.

(e) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **REPORTS REQUIRED.**—The Board shall submit to Congress periodic reports on practices of creditors that contain a compilation of the reports and data required under subsections (b) and (c).

(2) **AGENCY COOPERATION.**—Each appropriate enforcement agency shall provide compilations of any reports it receives under this section to the Board for purposes of this subsection.

(3) **TIMING OF REPORTS.**—The Board shall submit the reports required under paragraph (1) not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter.

(f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Notwithstanding section 3 of this Act, this section shall be effective during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the effective date of this Act under section 3.

(g) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

(1) the term “appropriate enforcement agency” means, with respect to a card issuer, the agency responsible for adminis-

trative enforcement relating to such card issuer under section 108 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1607); and

(2) the terms “cardholder”, “card issuer”, “consumer”, and “open end credit plan” have the same meanings as section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602).

SA 1109. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PRESIDENTIAL DEBT REDUCTION PLAN.

The President shall submit a comprehensive plan to Congress for reducing Federal outlays for the current fiscal year by at least one-half of 1 percent of total Federal outlays not later than 15 days after the date the total outstanding gross debt exceeds 95 percent of the amount of the statutory limit on public debt (as set forth in section 3101 of title 31, United States Code).

SA 1110. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1058 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 27, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 30, line 12 and insert the following:

(c) **GUIDELINES REQUIRED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall issue guidelines, by rule, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, for the establishment and maintenance by creditors of a toll-free telephone number for purposes of providing information about accessing credit counseling and debt management services, as required under section 127(b)(11)(B)(iv) of the Truth in Lending Act, as added by this section.

(2) **APPROVED AGENCIES.**—Guidelines issued under this subsection shall ensure that referrals provided by the toll-free number referred to in paragraph (1) include only those nonprofit budget and credit counseling agencies approved by a United States bankruptcy trustee pursuant to section 111(a) of title 11, United States Code.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate office building to conduct a business meeting to consider the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk to be Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 202-224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Manufacturing and the Credit Crisis.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2009 at 2 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 9 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program: Preserving School Choice for All.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hear-

ing entitled, "Small Business Financing: Progress Report on Recovery Act Implementation and Alternative Sources of Financing."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "What Went Wrong: Torture and the Office of Legal Counsel in the Bush Administration" on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session

of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVENESS, INNOVATION, AND EXPORT PROMOTION

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that Sharon Lee and Conor O'Brien of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2009

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Paul Grove:									
Egypt	Pound		426.00						426.00
Israel	Shekel		546.00						546.00
Jordan	Dinar		128.00						128.00
United States	Dollar				8,796.15				8,796.15
Katherine Eltrich:									
Egypt	Pound		426.00						426.00
Israel	Shekel		528.00						528.00
United States	Dollar				9,036.17				9,036.17
Michele Wymmer:									
Israel	Shekel		528.00		200.00				728.00
United States	Dollar				7,469.40				7,469.40
Brian Wilson:									
Kuwait	Dinar		996.00						996.00
United States	Dollar				8,053.57				8,053.57
Gary Reese:									
Kuwait	Dinar		996.00						996.00
United States	Dollar				8,053.57				8,053.57
Senator George Voinovich:									
Belgium	Euro		312.00						312.00
Joseph Lai:									
Belgium	Euro		312.00						312.00
Senator Richard Durbin:									
United States	Dollar				10,143.98				10,143.98
Cyprus	Euro		106.48		420.41				526.89
Greece	Euro		70.97						70.97
Turkey	Lira		406.00						406.00
Michael Daly:									
United States	Dollar				8,861.51				8,861.51
Cyprus	Euro		129.26		161.65				290.91
Greece	Euro		51.61						51.61
Turkey	Lira		646.00						646.00
Chris Homann:									
United States	Dollar				10,177.09				10,177.09
Cyprus	Euro		109.14		161.65				270.79
Greece	Euro		35.74						35.74
Turkey	Lira		475.00						475.00
Christopher Bradish:									
United Kingdom	Pound		194.00						194.00
Israel	Shekel		339.00						339.00
Syria	Pound		280.00						280.00
Austria	Euro		294.00						294.00
Belgium	Euro		294.00						294.00
Norway	Krone		204.00						204.00
Iceland	Krona		145.00						145.00
Senator Arlen Specter:									
United Kingdom	Pound		115.00						115.00
Israel	Shekel		283.02						283.02
Syria	Pound		150.81						150.81