

the carton and then into the customers' hands. The production equipment requires major investment. So when farmers like Tom need to buy new equipment, build new barns, and acquire more property, they should be able to accelerate their writeoffs. Bonus depreciation and section 179 gives our small businesses the capital to invest in tools that are important for them to expand, hire people, and make their communities more prosperous.

As we help existing businesses expand, we need to focus on reviving industries, especially manufacturing. We know wealth is created when we make it, mine it or grow it. We do all three of those in a significant way in my State. Ohio is the Nation's third largest manufacturing State, only behind California, which is three times our population, and Texas, which is twice our population.

The new markets tax credit will help revitalize communities hit hard by shuttered factories by leveraging tens of billions of dollars in private investments. We know what the new markets tax credit has done for development in areas that are generally a little poorer than most. We want to be able to target manufacturing too, and that is what our Manufacturing Communities Investment Act does. Last year, for instance, in Portage County, the community of Streetsboro lost 300 jobs after Commercial Turf Products shut its doors. Under the Manufacturing Communities Investment Act, the city could access financing to bring new manufacturing businesses back to Streetsboro.

For those workers who have lost their jobs and benefits, the health coverage tax credit, or the HCTC, needs to be extended. The HCTC preserves a program that Ohioans—such as the Delphi salaried retirees who worked hard and played by the rules—know, understand, and trust.

Extending the tax credit for 2 years is fiscally responsible. We should improve the HCTC and make it permanent, as I have proposed in the legislation that I have introduced with Senators ROCKEFELLER, STABENOW, HIRONO, and DONNELLY. At the very least we should renew this critical tax credit.

Earlier this year I traveled across Ohio and met with homeowners such as Hattie Wilkins from Youngstown, OH. She was laid off, fell behind on her mortgage, and began the foreclosure process. Her bank—because it was in their interest too—forgave the \$35,000 she still owed, but Hattie and thousands of homeowners across the country face higher taxes if we don't move to extend the Mortgage Forgiveness Tax Relief Act.

In many ways it is a phantom income. If it is a short sale or they get a principal reduction—as I was discussing with Ohio realtors today—the homeowners never really get the money for it, but they are hit with the tax bill as if they had gotten that in-

come. We have extended this tax forgiveness, if you will, in the past because Members of both parties recognize there is still a critical need for it.

All of these items—as part of the tax extenders package—help create jobs, put money in homeowners' pockets, pay for health insurance, and allow people to stay in their homes. As I said, it also creates jobs and is good for our communities. It is important that we pass the tax extenders package as soon as possible in this Chamber.

I note the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

NOMINATION OF STEVEN PAUL LOGAN TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question occurs on the Logan nomination.

Mrs. BOXER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second. There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 96, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Ex.]
YEAS—96

Alexander	Coats	Franken
Ayotte	Coburn	Gillibrand
Baldwin	Cochran	Graham
Barrasso	Collins	Grassley
Begich	Coons	Hagan
Blumenthal	Corker	Harkin
Booker	Cornyn	Hatch
Boxer	Crapo	Heinrich
Brown	Cruz	Heitkamp
Burr	Donnelly	Heller
Cantwell	Durbin	Hirono
Cardin	Enzi	Hoeven
Carper	Feinstein	Inhofe
Casey	Fischer	Isakson
Chambliss	Flake	Johanns

Johnson (SD)	Mikulski	Scott
Johnson (WI)	Moran	Sessions
Kaine	Murkowski	Shaheen
King	Murphy	Shelby
Kirk	Murray	Stabenow
Klobuchar	Nelson	Tester
Landrieu	Paul	Thune
Leahy	Portman	Toomey
Lee	Pryor	Udall (CO)
Levin	Reid	Udall (NM)
Manchin	Risch	Vitter
Markey	Roberts	Walsh
McCain	Rockefeller	Warner
McCaskill	Rubio	Warren
McConnell	Sanders	Whitehouse
Menendez	Schatz	Wicker
Merkley	Schumer	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Bennet	Boozman
Blunt	Reed

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF JOHN JOSEPH TUCHI TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question now occurs on the Tuchi nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back on the next two nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 96, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 148 Ex.]
YEAS—96

Alexander	Coons	Heitkamp
Ayotte	Corker	Heller
Baldwin	Cornyn	Hirono
Barrasso	Crapo	Hoeven
Begich	Cruz	Inhofe
Blumenthal	Donnelly	Isakson
Booker	Durbin	Johanns
Boxer	Enzi	Johnson (SD)
Brown	Feinstein	Johnson (WI)
Burr	Fischer	Kaine
Cantwell	Flake	King
Cardin	Franken	Kirk
Carper	Gillibrand	Klobuchar
Casey	Graham	Landrieu
Chambliss	Grassley	Leahy
Coats	Hagan	Lee
Coburn	Harkin	Levin
Cochran	Hatch	Manchin
Collins	Heinrich	Markey