

## Calendar No. 2

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 2

To improve the lives of middle class families and provide them with greater opportunity to achieve the American dream.

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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

JANUARY 7, 2009

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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## 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 “Middle Class Oppor-  
5        tunity Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that Congress should  
3 enact, and the President should sign, legislation to im-  
4 prove the lives of middle class families and provide them  
5 with greater opportunity to achieve the American dream  
6 by—

7 (1) providing middle class tax relief while mak-  
8 ing the tax laws simpler and more reliable;

9 (2) promoting investments in the new economy  
10 and enacting policies that create good, well-paying  
11 jobs in the United States;

12 (3) enhancing the incentives and protections to  
13 help middle class families adequately meet their  
14 needs in retirement;

15 (4) improving programs to help families acquire  
16 the education and training to be productive partici-  
17 pants in the modern economy;

18 (5) promoting families by improving the access  
19 and affordability of child and elder care;

20 (6) restoring fairness, prosperity, and economic  
21 security for working families by ensuring workers  
22 can exercise their rights to freely choose to form a  
23 union without employer interference; and

24 (7) removing barriers to fair pay for all work-  
25 ers.



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