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# H.R. 5140

## Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008

February 4, 2008

Introduced by Sen. Smith

### AN ACT

To provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

- *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

- (a) Short Title- This Act may be cited as the 'Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008'.
- (b) Table of Contents- The table of contents of this Act is as follows:
  - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

### **TITLE I--RECOVERY REBATES AND INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS INVESTMENT**

- Sec. 101. 2008 recovery rebates for individuals.
- Sec. 102. Temporary increase in limitations on expensing of certain depreciable business assets.

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By ANAHAD O'CONNOR and MICHAEL COOPER 39 minutes ago

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Voters at the Belvedere Park Recreation Center in East Los Angeles.

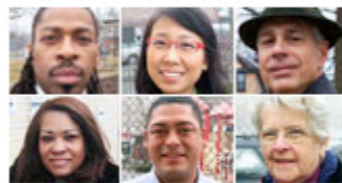
• [Slide Show: Voting Begins](#)

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Updated 2:32 PM ET

Across the country, voters speak out about the issues that matter to them. New voices will be added throughout the day.



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**Map** **Satellite** **Hybrid**

**\$1,920 – 1bd**  
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**Washington**

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# H.R.5684 - Oman free trade agreement

Sponsor: John Boehner / 109th Congress

**Title** 109th Congress - To implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement.  
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**Summary** To implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. *(by CRS)*

**Status** The bill has become law.

Supporters & Opponents

Votes

Timeline of Contributions




History & Status

In the News

Summary of vote | How each legislator voted

**Vote Date:** September 19, 2006  
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**Motion:** H.R. 5684: United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (On Passage of the Bill)


62 Yes Votes   
32 No Votes   
6 Not Voting 

**Location:** Senate


**Result:** Pass

*Showing contributions  
2001-2008 Senate*


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\$267,471 to each legislator voting **Yes** 

\$126,048 to each legislator voting **No** 

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\$28,887 to each legislator voting **Yes** 

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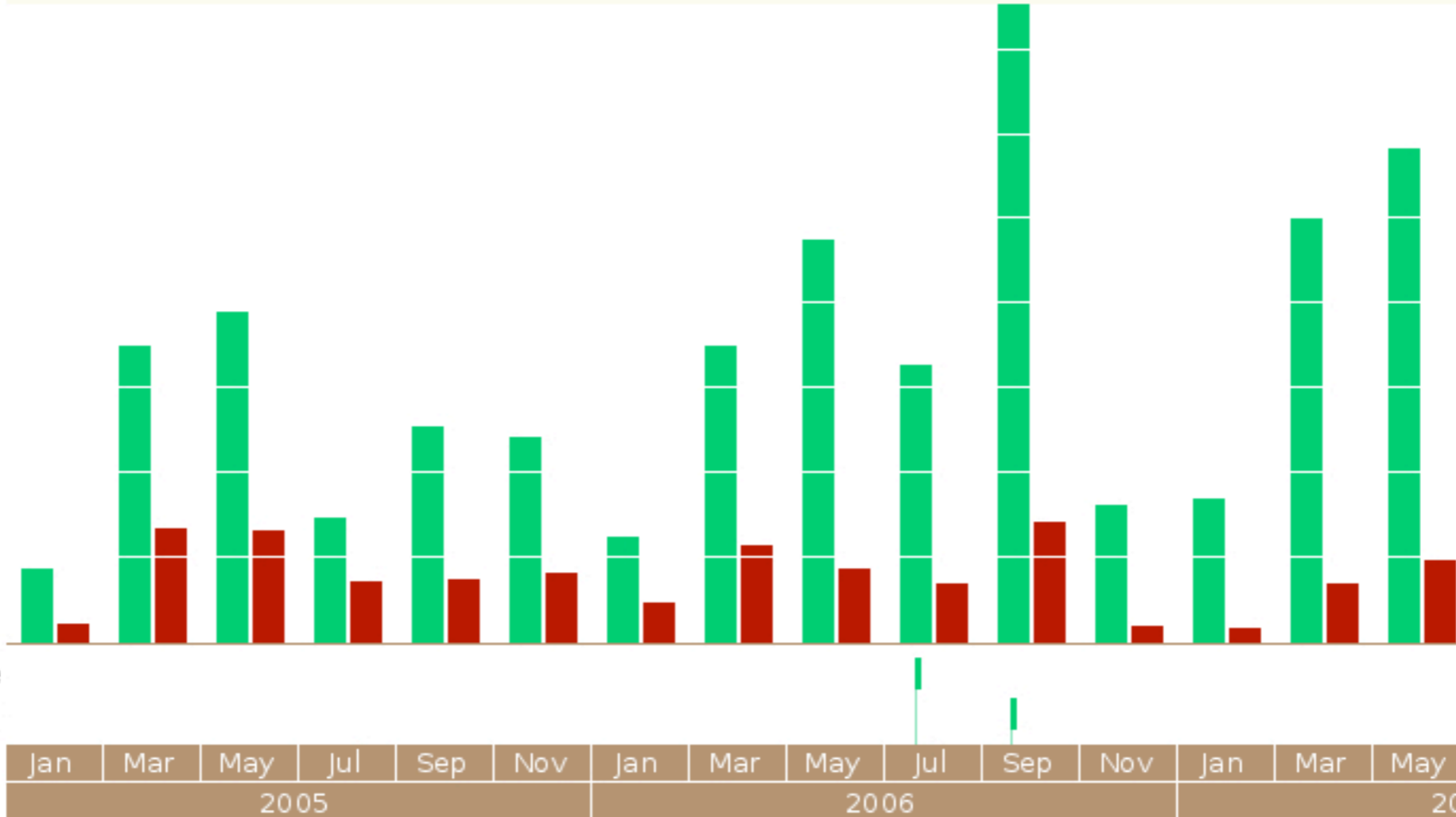
\$2,000,000

\$1,000,000

Votes

House

Senate



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This chart shows contributions and votes for all legislators.

Show for just one legislator

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