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THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (STIMULUS BILL) AVAILABLE ON GPO'S FEDERAL DIGITAL SYSTEM

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) makes available the authentic version of *The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, signed into law by President Barack Obama, on GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys). GPO also authenticates the document by digital signature. This signature assures the public that the document has not been changed or altered. A digital signature, viewed through the GPO Seal of Authenticity, verifies the document's integrity and authenticity.

Link: <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-111hr1ENR/pdf/BILLS-111hr1ENR.pdf>

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