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Washington, D.C. - Congressman Danny K. Davis, a Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, voted in support of H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Investment Act which passed the House by a vote of 244 to 188.

Congressman Davis stated the following on why he supported the bill. No one today would challenge the assertion that we are in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The U. S. economy is shedding jobs at a staggering rate; unemployment and homelessness are soaring; families are losing their homes and their health insurance. The 50 states are facing staggering budget shortfalls as they seek to provide basic public services. Working families are experiencing the greatest reduction in living standards in generations. No industry, no geographical region, is exempted from this economic storm.

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