

Eminent Domain Bill Introduced in Senate

September 15, 2006 - Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) introduced the "Private Property Rights Act of 2006" on September 8th, a companion to a bill in the House (HR 4128) that would prohibit federal funding of economic development projects at the State and local level for a period of two years, if it is determined that such funding was used in the taking of private property via eminent domain for the purpose of economic development. HR 4128 passed the House last year by a vote of 376-38 in reaction to the Kelo vs. New London decision and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is unclear if the Senate will take up their eminent domain bill before the 109th session officially adjourns.