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## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 7.07.2009

Wall Street Journal: "CFTC to Consider Setting Position Limits for Energy Trading ... U.S. commodities regulators, in an effort to crack down on excessive speculation, plan to propose sweeping trading limits on oil, natural gas and possibly other commodities."

Wall Street Journal: "Big Banks Don't Want California's IOUs ... A group of the biggest U.S. banks said they would stop accepting California's IOUs on Friday, adding pressure on the state to close its \$26.3 billion annual budget gap."

Wall Street Journal: "Hybrid Securities Doomed Six Banks ... The six family-controlled Illinois banks that collapsed on Thursday were doomed by massive holdings of trust preferred securities, Wall Street instruments that came into vogue during the industry's boom but are now battering a growing number of small banks."

Washington Post: "Industry Takes Aim at Plan to Create Financial Protection Agency ... Business and trade-group lobbyists are beating a path to Capitol Hill this week for the first major battle over the Obama administration's efforts to overhaul the financial regulatory system."

Washington Post, Opinion: "Post-Bankruptcy GM Will Have Work Cut Out for It ... The new General Motors hoping to emerge from bankruptcy this week will find itself mired in a weak car market, besieged by competitors vying to eat up its dwindling market share and pressed to change its corporate culture, all under the eyes of a strange new government ownership structure."

USA Today: "Banks get stingy on credit; new cards down 38% ... Despite massive government efforts to bolster the credit market, banks are pulling back severely on card lending."

New York Times, Editorial: "When Congress Lobbies for Banks ... From the start, the government's emergency \$700 billion program to bolster financial institutions prompted a virtual stampede by members of Congress to get a piece of the action for their local banks. This is hardly surprising and not necessarily unethical. But one call to Treasury deserves particular scrutiny by the inspector general now reviewing the heavy Congressional lobbying for money from the Troubled Asset Relief Program."

Daily Telegraph: "The City doesn't need any more rules ... Everyone agrees that we must prevent our banks from failing ever again. But, says distinguished City commentator Jeremy Warner, who joins the Telegraph today, a mania for regulation is not the answer."

Bloomberg: "Hedge-Fund Industry 2.0 Is Already Taking Shape ... There are signs of life returning to the hedge-fund industry. Assets under management are rising. New funds are being launched. Some are even making money."