

WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC.  
Form N-Q  
March 27, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811- 8709

Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

55 Water Street, New York, NY  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10041  
(Zip code)

Robert I. Frenkel, Esq.

Legg Mason & Co., LLC

100 First Stamford Place

Stamford, CT 06902  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-451-2010

Date of fiscal year end: April 30

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2009

---

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

---

**WESTERN ASSET  
HIGH INCOME FUND II INC.**

FORM N-Q

JANUARY 31, 2009

---

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>CORPORATE BONDS &amp; NOTES 90.6%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 14.0%</b>		
<b>Auto Components 0.7%</b>		
6,998,000	Allison Transmission Inc., Senior Notes, 11.250% due 11/1/15 (a)(b)	\$ 3,184,090
	Visteon Corp., Senior Notes:	
1,031,000	8.250% due 8/1/10	190,735
11,316,000	12.250% due 12/31/16 (a)	1,301,340
	<b>Total Auto Components</b>	<b>4,676,165</b>
<b>Automobiles 0.8%</b>		
1,985,000	Ford Motor Co., Debentures:	
3,425,000	8.875% due 1/15/22	397,000
	8.900% due 1/15/32	565,125
15,665,000	General Motors Corp.:	
8,845,000	Notes, 7.200% due 1/15/11	3,250,488
	Senior Debentures, 8.375% due 7/15/33	1,282,525
	<b>Total Automobiles</b>	<b>5,495,138</b>
<b>Diversified Consumer Services 0.4%</b>		
590,000	Education Management LLC/Education Management Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 6/1/14	505,925
	Service Corp. International, Senior Notes:	
1,200,000	7.625% due 10/1/18	1,110,000
1,090,000	7.500% due 4/1/27	779,350
	<b>Total Diversified Consumer Services</b>	<b>2,395,275</b>
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 3.5%</b>		
1,000,000	Boyd Gaming Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 6.750% due 4/15/14	670,000
4,130,000	Buffets Inc., Senior Notes, 12.500% due 11/1/14 (c)(d)	22,715
3,705,000	Caesars Entertainment Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.125% due 5/15/11	1,463,475
2,765,000	Carrolls Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 1/15/13	2,032,275
468,000	Choctaw Resort Development Enterprise, Senior Notes, 7.250% due 11/15/19 (a)	152,100
4,675,000	Denny's Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 10.000% due 10/1/12	3,810,125
2,310,000	Downstream Development Quapaw, Senior Notes, 12.000% due 10/15/15 (a)	1,235,850
2,550,000	El Pollo Loco Inc., Senior Notes, 11.750% due 11/15/13	1,963,500
975,000	Fontainebleau Las Vegas Holdings LLC/Fontainebleau Las Vegas Capital Corp., 10.250% due 6/15/15 (a)	112,125
	Harrah's Operating Co. Inc.:	
1,318,000	Senior Notes, 10.750% due 2/1/16 (a)	316,320
302,400	Senior Secured Notes, 10.000% due 12/15/18 (a)	110,376
3,725,000	Indianapolis Downs LLC & Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 11.000% due 11/1/12 (a)	2,011,500
5,865,000	Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Senior Notes, 12.000% due 11/15/10	1,202,325
2,470,000	MGM MIRAGE Inc., Senior Notes, 13.000% due 11/15/13 (a)	2,260,050

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

420,000		Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Senior Subordinated Notes, 6.875% due 2/15/15	226,800
4,037,000		Pokagon Gaming Authority, Senior Notes, 10.375% due 6/15/14 (a)	3,552,560
1,800,000		Snoqualmie Entertainment Authority, Senior Secured Notes, 6.875% due 2/1/14 (a)(e)	1,053,000
7,305,000		Station Casinos Inc.: Senior Notes, 6.000% due 4/1/12 (f)	1,424,475
1,450,000		Senior Subordinated Notes, 6.625% due 3/15/18 (f)	50,750
		<b>Total Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure</b>	<b>23,670,321</b>
<b>Household Durables</b>	<b>1.9%</b>		
4,000,000		Holt Group Inc., Senior Notes, 9.750% due 1/15/06 (c)(d)(g)	0
6,000,000		K Hovnanian Enterprises Inc., Senior Notes, 11.500% due 5/1/13	4,965,000
4,055,000		Norcraft Cos. LP/Norcraft Finance Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 11/1/11	3,588,675

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Household Durables 1.9% (continued)</b>		
5,245,000	Norcraft Holdings LP/Norcraft Capital Corp., Senior Discount Notes, 9.750% due 9/1/12	\$ 4,064,875
	<b>Total Household Durables</b>	<b>12,618,550</b>
<b>Internet &amp; Catalog Retail 0.2%</b>		
2,330,000	Ticketmaster, Senior Notes, 10.750% due 8/1/16 (a)	1,409,650
<b>Media 4.1%</b>		
755,000	Affinion Group Inc.:	
	Senior Notes, 10.125% due 10/15/13	592,675
6,800,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.500% due 10/15/15	4,454,000
	CCH I LLC/CCH I Capital Corp.:	
1,980,000	Senior Notes, 11.000% due 10/1/15 (d)	316,800
14,774,000	Senior Secured Notes, 11.000% due 10/1/15 (d)	2,659,320
	Cengage Learning Acquisitions Inc.:	
3,435,000	Senior Notes, 10.500% due 1/15/15 (a)	1,734,675
3,710,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, step bond to yield 13.355% due 7/15/15 (a)	1,233,575
1,100,000	Charter Communications Holdings LLC, Senior Discount Notes, 12.125% due 1/15/12 (c)(d)(g)	22,000
1,105,000	Charter Communications Holdings LLC/Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corp., Senior Discount Notes, 11.750% due 5/15/11 (c)(d)	26,244
8,660,000	Charter Communications Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 10.875% due 9/15/14 (a)(d)	7,534,200
3,180,000	CMP Susquehanna Corp., 9.875% due 5/15/14	119,250
3,350,000	Dex Media Inc., Discount Notes, 9.000% due 11/15/13	435,500
4,868,000	Dex Media West LLC/Dex Media Finance Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.875% due 8/15/13	1,423,890
	EchoStar DBS Corp., Senior Notes:	
1,940,000	6.625% due 10/1/14	1,770,250
200,000	7.750% due 5/31/15	188,000
2,419,000	Globo Comunicacoes e Participacoes SA, Bonds, 7.250% due 4/26/22 (a) (h)	2,261,765
4,930,000	Idearc Inc., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 11/15/16	178,712
1,695,000	R.H. Donnelley Corp., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 1/15/16	186,450
750,000	R.H. Donnelley Inc., 11.750% due 5/15/15 (a)	225,000
2,525,000	Sun Media Corp., 7.625% due 2/15/13	2,057,875
975,000	Univision Communications Inc., Senior Notes, 7.850% due 7/15/11	663,000
	<b>Total Media</b>	<b>28,083,181</b>
<b>Multiline Retail 1.4%</b>		
1,920,000	Dollar General Corp.:	
	Senior Notes, 10.625% due 7/15/15	1,920,000
3,130,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.875% due 7/15/17 (b)	2,895,250
	Neiman Marcus Group Inc.:	
8,740,000	Senior Notes, 9.000% due 10/15/15 (b)	3,933,000
1,080,000	Senior Secured Notes, 7.125% due 6/1/28	502,200
	<b>Total Multiline Retail</b>	<b>9,250,450</b>
<b>Specialty Retail 0.8%</b>		

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

885,000	AutoNation Inc., Senior Notes, 7.000% due 4/15/14	783,225
3,980,000	Blockbuster Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 9/1/12	2,029,800
2,350,000	Eye Care Centers of America, Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.750% due 2/15/15	2,197,250
1,505,000	Michaels Stores Inc., Senior Notes, 10.000% due 11/1/14	684,775
	<b>Total Specialty Retail</b>	<b>5,695,050</b>
<b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods 0.2%</b>		
1,780,000	Oxford Industries Inc., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 6/1/11	1,343,900
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>	<b>94,637,680</b>

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 2.3%</b>		
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing 0.1%</b>		
576,000	Delhaize America Inc., Debentures, 9.000% due 4/15/31	\$ 661,387
<b>Food Products 0.8%</b>		
2,245,000	Dole Food Co. Inc., Senior Notes: 8.625% due 5/1/09	2,127,138
2,715,000	7.250% due 6/15/10	2,307,750
1,150,000	8.875% due 3/15/11	868,250
	<b>Total Food Products</b>	<b>5,303,138</b>
<b>Household Products 0.4%</b>		
1,265,000	American Achievement Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.250% due 4/1/12 (a)	1,018,325
2,100,000	Visant Holding Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 12/1/13	1,858,500
	<b>Total Household Products</b>	<b>2,876,825</b>
<b>Tobacco 1.0%</b>		
960,000	Alliance One International Inc., Senior Notes: 8.500% due 5/15/12	763,200
4,025,000	11.000% due 5/15/12	3,521,875
1,970,000	Altria Group Inc., Senior Notes, 9.700% due 11/10/18	2,159,248
	<b>Total Tobacco</b>	<b>6,444,323</b>
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES</b>	<b>15,285,673</b>
<b>ENERGY 14.1%</b>		
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 0.8%</b>		
210,000	ANR Pipeline Co., Debentures, 9.625% due 11/1/21	225,419
2,645,000	Complete Production Services Inc., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 12/15/16	1,864,725
1,145,000	GulfMark Offshore Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.750% due 7/15/14	898,825
1,820,000	Key Energy Services Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 12/1/14	1,319,500
1,320,000	Pride International Inc., Senior Notes, 7.375% due 7/15/14	1,273,800
	<b>Total Energy Equipment &amp; Services</b>	<b>5,582,269</b>
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 13.3%</b>		
3,980,000	Atlas Pipeline Partners LP, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 6/15/18	2,646,700
7,595,000	Belden & Blake Corp., Secured Notes, 8.750% due 7/15/12	5,544,350
940,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes: 9.500% due 2/15/15	925,900
2,000,000	6.625% due 1/15/16	1,700,000
1,885,000	6.500% due 8/15/17	1,545,700
2,240,000	7.250% due 12/15/18	1,887,200
6,808,196	Corral Petroleum Holdings AB, Senior Secured Subordinated Bonds, 6.094% due 4/15/10 (a)(b)(e)	3,778,549
3,445,000	El Paso Corp.: Medium-Term Notes, 7.800% due 8/1/31	2,687,100
5,200,000	Notes, 7.875% due 6/15/12	5,083,000
	Enterprise Products Operating LP:	



Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

285,000	Junior Subordinated Notes, 8.375% due 8/1/66 (e)	179,764
4,825,000	Subordinated Notes, 7.034% due 1/15/68 (e)	2,705,706
4,000,000	EXCO Resources Inc., Senior Notes, 7.250% due 1/15/11	3,380,000
153,000	Gazprom, Loan Participation Notes, 6.212% due 11/22/16 (a)	112,455
1,045,000	Inergy LP/Inergy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 3/1/16	950,950
5,415,000	International Coal Group Inc., Senior Notes, 10.250% due 7/15/14	4,061,250
2,070,000	KazMunaiGaz Finance Sub B.V., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 7/2/13 (a)(h)	1,687,050
1,720,000	LUKOIL International Finance BV, 6.356% due 6/7/17 (a)(h)	1,298,600
1,630,000	Mariner Energy Inc., Senior Notes: 7.500% due 4/15/13	1,230,650
1,215,000	8.000% due 5/15/17	783,675

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 13.3% (continued)</b>		
2,440,000	MarkWest Energy Partners LP/MarkWest Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 4/15/18	\$ 1,762,900
	OPTI Canada Inc., Senior Secured Notes:	
1,030,000	7.875% due 12/15/14	463,500
455,000	8.250% due 12/15/14	211,575
3,215,000	Parallel Petroleum Corp., 10.250% due 8/1/14	2,073,675
6,067,000	Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, Senior Bonds, 6.625% due 6/15/35 (h)	4,845,149
3,435,000	Petrohawk Energy Corp., Senior Notes, 9.125% due 7/15/13	3,177,375
1,610,000	Petroplus Finance Ltd., Senior Notes, 6.750% due 5/1/14 (a)	1,207,500
2,740,000	Quicksilver Resources Inc., 8.250% due 8/1/15	2,219,400
	SandRidge Energy Inc., Senior Notes:	
7,670,000	8.625% due 4/1/15 (b)	5,177,250
2,370,000	8.000% due 6/1/18 (a)	1,884,150
7,887,000	SemGroup LP, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 11/15/15 (a)(c)(d)	315,480
2,310,000	Southwestern Energy Co., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 2/1/18 (a)	2,194,500
800,000	Targa Resources Partners LP, Senior Notes, 8.250% due 7/1/16 (a)	580,000
3,725,000	Teekay Corp., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 7/15/11	3,361,812
1,205,000	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 2/1/16 (a)	1,201,987
2,000,000	Tesoro Corp., Senior Notes, 6.250% due 11/1/12	1,735,000
230,000	TNK-BP Finance SA, 6.625% due 3/20/17 (a)	133,975
2,910,000	VeraSun Energy Corp., Senior Notes, 9.375% due 6/1/17 (c)	305,550
2,515,000	W&T Offshore Inc., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 6/15/14 (a)	1,747,925
	Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes:	
1,350,000	7.250% due 5/1/12	1,154,250
2,205,000	7.000% due 2/1/14	1,775,025
	Williams Cos. Inc.:	
	Notes:	
3,080,000	7.875% due 9/1/21	2,931,676
3,899,000	8.750% due 3/15/32	3,575,921
3,975,000	Senior Notes, 7.625% due 7/15/19	3,792,830
	<b>Total Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels</b>	<b>90,017,004</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>	<b>95,599,273</b>
<b>FINANCIALS 11.1%</b>		
<b>Commercial Banks 2.3%</b>		
5,360,000	ATF Capital BV, Senior Notes, 9.250% due 2/21/14 (a)(h)	3,510,800
4,490,000	HSBK Europe BV, 7.250% due 5/3/17 (a)(h)	2,536,850
	ICICI Bank Ltd., Subordinated Bonds:	
1,170,000	6.375% due 4/30/22 (a)(e)	682,969

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

1,174,000		6.375% due 4/30/22 (a)(e)(h)	664,156
76,695,000	RUB	JPMorgan Chase Bank, Credit-Linked Notes (Russian Agricultural Bank), 9.500% due 2/11/11 (g)	1,397,561
		RSMB Capital, Loan Participation Notes:	
1,055,000		6.299% due 5/15/17 (a)(h)	664,650
		Secured Notes:	
1,204,000		7.175% due 5/16/13 (a)(h)	969,220
1,320,000		7.125% due 1/14/14 (a)(h)	1,009,800
670,000		7.125% due 1/14/14 (a)	519,478
		TuranAlem Finance BV, Bonds:	
3,025,000		8.250% due 1/22/37 (a)(h)	1,315,875
1,059,000		8.250% due 1/22/37 (a)(h)	433,734
2,360,000		Wells Fargo Capital XV, Junior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 9/26/44 (e)	2,220,406
		<b>Total Commercial Banks</b>	<b>15,925,499</b>
<b>Consumer Finance</b>	<b>5.6%</b>		
		Ford Motor Credit Co.:	
3,325,000		Notes, 7.875% due 6/15/10	2,747,285
		Senior Notes:	

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount		Security	Value
<b>Consumer Finance</b>	<b>5.6% (continued)</b>		
4,464,000		7.246% due 6/15/11 (e)	\$ 3,085,740
2,045,000		4.011% due 1/13/12 (e)	1,270,456
20,430,000		12.000% due 5/15/15	15,126,821
		GMAC LLC:	
2,389,000		7.500% due 12/31/13 (a)	1,410,609
6,140,000		6.750% due 12/1/14 (a)	3,994,776
259,000		8.000% due 12/31/18 (a)	102,396
1,261,000		8.000% due 11/1/31 (a)	756,693
4,290,000		Debentures, zero coupon bond to yield 27.702% due 6/15/15	836,769
2,390,000		Senior Bonds, zero coupon bond to yield 37.540% due 12/1/12	574,224
3,166,000		Senior Notes, 6.875% due 8/28/12 (a)	2,265,558
6,240,000		SLM Corp., Senior Notes, 1.319% due 7/26/10 (e)	5,509,558
		<b>Total Consumer Finance</b>	<b>37,680,885</b>
<b>Diversified Financial Services</b>	<b>2.1%</b>		
2,390,000		Capmark Financial Group Inc., 5.875% due 5/10/12	907,908
2,325,000		CCM Merger Inc., Notes, 8.000% due 8/1/13 (a)(d)	988,125
4,520,000		Citigroup Inc., Junior Subordinated Notes, Preferred Securities, 8.400% due 4/30/18 (e)(i)	1,656,490
4,400,000		Hexion U.S. Finance Corp./Hexion Nova Scotia Finance ULC, 6.649% due 11/15/14 (e)	374,000
330,000		JPMorgan Chase & Co., Junior Subordinated Notes, 7.900% due 4/30/18 (e)(i)	251,422
		Leucadia National Corp., Senior Notes:	
3,670,000		8.125% due 9/15/15	2,991,050
80,000		7.125% due 3/15/17	59,200
		TNK-BP Finance SA:	
200,000		7.875% due 3/13/18 (a)	124,000
		Senior Notes:	
1,540,000		7.500% due 7/18/16 (a)	977,900
1,390,000		7.875% due 3/13/18 (a)	854,850
4,000,000		Vanguard Health Holdings Co., I LLC, Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 10.653% due 10/1/15	3,400,000
1,635,000		Vanguard Health Holdings Co., II LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 10/1/14	1,463,325
		<b>Total Diversified Financial Services</b>	<b>14,048,270</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>0.4%</b>		
6,510,000		American International Group Inc., Junior Subordinated Debentures, 8.175% due 5/15/58 (a)(e)	2,419,227
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
2,500,000		Host Marriott LP, Senior Notes, 7.125% due 11/1/13	2,175,000
<b>Real Estate Management &amp; Development</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
2,495,000		Ashton Woods USA LLC/Ashton Woods Finance Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 10/1/15 (c)(d)	386,725
		Realogy Corp.:	
4,100,000		10.500% due 4/15/14	943,000
350,231		11.000% due 4/15/14 (b)	47,281

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

4,695,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 12.375% due 4/15/15	563,400
<b>Thriffs &amp; Mortgage Finance 0.1%</b>	<b>Total Real Estate Management &amp; Development</b>	<b>1,940,406</b>
1,370,000	Ocwen Capital Trust I, Junior Subordinated Capital Securities, 10.875% due 8/1/27 (g)	945,300
	<b>TOTAL FINANCIALS</b>	<b>75,134,587</b>

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>HEALTH CARE 7.7%</b>		
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 1.1%</b>		
2,885,000	Advanced Medical Optics Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.500% due 5/1/17	\$ 3,216,775
4,420,000	Biomet Inc., Senior Notes, 10.375% due 10/15/17 (b)	3,955,900
	<b>Total Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>7,172,675</b>
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 6.6%</b>		
890,000	Community Health Systems Inc., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 7/15/15	861,075
6,175,000	CRC Health Corp., 10.750% due 2/1/16	3,674,125
2,350,000	DaVita Inc., Senior Notes, 6.625% due 3/15/13	2,285,375
	HCA Inc.:	
1,325,000	Debentures, 7.500% due 11/15/95	539,552
	Senior Secured Notes:	
1,245,000	9.250% due 11/15/16	1,192,088
17,535,000	9.625% due 11/15/16 (b)	14,773,237
2,250,000	IASIS Healthcare LLC/IASIS Capital Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.750% due 6/15/14	1,991,250
	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Notes:	
3,960,000	6.375% due 12/1/11	3,544,200
2,240,000	6.500% due 6/1/12	1,982,400
3,750,000	7.375% due 2/1/13	3,056,250
985,000	9.875% due 7/1/14	797,850
1,470,000	6.875% due 11/15/31	727,650
	Universal Hospital Services Inc., Senior Secured Notes:	
1,010,000	5.943% due 6/1/15 (e)	681,750
4,840,000	8.500% due 6/1/15 (b)	4,114,000
8,652,000	US Oncology Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 8.334% due 3/15/12 (b)(e)	4,369,260
	<b>Total Health Care Providers &amp; Services</b>	<b>44,590,062</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals 0.0%</b>		
11,725,000	Leiner Health Products Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.000% due 6/1/12 (c)(d)	58,625
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH CARE</b>	<b>51,821,362</b>
<b>INDUSTRIALS 12.2%</b>		
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 0.5%</b>		
1,160,000	BE Aerospace Inc., 8.500% due 7/1/18	1,093,300
8,775,000	Hawker Beechcraft Acquisition Co., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 4/1/15 (b)	2,237,625
106,119	Kac Acquisition Co., Subordinated Notes, 1.000% due 4/26/26 (c)(d)(g)	0
	<b>Total Aerospace &amp; Defense</b>	<b>3,330,925</b>
<b>Airlines 2.2%</b>		
957,295	Continental Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates:	
	8.312% due 10/2/12	727,544
1,930,000	7.339% due 4/19/14	1,215,900
8,570,000	DAE Aviation Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 11.250% due 8/1/15 (a)	3,042,350
	Delta Air Lines Inc.:	

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

1,810,287	8.954% due 8/10/14	1,013,761
	Pass-Through Certificates:	
1,559,796	6.619% due 3/18/11	1,419,414
6,135,000	7.111% due 9/18/11	5,429,475
2,135,000	7.711% due 9/18/11	1,547,875
	United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates:	
397,660	7.811% due 10/1/09	391,695
185,000	6.831% due 3/1/10	170,200
167,472	8.030% due 7/1/11	167,472
	<b>Total Airlines</b>	<b>15,125,686</b>

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Building Products 2.0%</b>		
9,230,000	Associated Materials Inc.: Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 14.852% due 3/1/14	\$ 4,199,650
3,195,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 4/15/12	2,859,525
2,360,000	GTL Trade Finance Inc.: 7.250% due 10/20/17 (a)(h)	2,063,091
2,302,000	7.250% due 10/20/17 (a)(h)	2,050,506
2,170,000	Nortek Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 10.000% due 12/1/13	1,269,450
7,315,000	NTK Holdings Inc., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 11.600% due 3/1/14	877,800
	<b>Total Building Products</b>	<b>13,320,022</b>
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies 2.9%</b>		
3,640,000	DynCorp International LLC/DIV Capital Corp.: 9.500% due 2/15/13 (a)	3,194,100
8,428,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 2/15/13	7,332,360
1,500,000	Interface Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 2/1/14	1,147,500
5,715,000	Rental Services Corp., Senior Notes, 9.500% due 12/1/14	3,643,312
4,775,000	US Investigations Services Inc.: 11.750% due 5/1/16 (a)	3,270,875
1,060,000	Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 11/1/15 (a)	832,100
	<b>Total Commercial Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>19,420,247</b>
<b>Construction &amp; Engineering 1.1%</b>		
3,935,000	CSC Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 8.500% due 6/15/15 (a)	3,807,113
3,740,000	Odebrecht Finance Ltd., 7.500% due 10/18/17 (a)(h)	3,412,750
	<b>Total Construction &amp; Engineering</b>	<b>7,219,863</b>
<b>Electrical Equipment 0.1%</b>		
890,000	Sensata Technologies B.V., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 5/1/14	404,950
<b>Industrial Conglomerates 0.2%</b>		
1,940,000	Sequa Corp., Senior Notes: 11.750% due 12/1/15 (a)	785,700
2,073,159	13.500% due 12/1/15 (a)(b)	735,971
	<b>Total Industrial Conglomerates</b>	<b>1,521,671</b>
<b>Machinery 0.1%</b>		
1,390,000	American Railcar Industries Inc., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 3/1/14	973,000
<b>Road &amp; Rail 2.0%</b>		
10,510,000	Hertz Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 1/1/16	5,530,888
7,415,000	Kansas City Southern de Mexico, Senior Notes: 9.375% due 5/1/12 (h)	7,099,862
1,100,000	7.625% due 12/1/13 (h)	929,500
280,000	Kansas City Southern Railway, Senior Notes, 13.000% due 12/15/13	291,200
	<b>Total Road &amp; Rail</b>	<b>13,851,450</b>
<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 1.0%</b>		
1,660,000	Ashtead Capital Inc., Notes, 9.000% due 8/15/16 (a)	1,004,300



Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

1,410,000	Ashtead Holdings PLC, Senior Secured Notes, 8.625% due 8/1/15 (a)	867,150
3,045,000	H&E Equipment Services Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 7/15/16	1,827,000
6,680,000	Penhall International Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 12.000% due 8/1/14 (a)	3,373,400
	<b>Total Trading Companies &amp; Distributors</b>	<b>7,071,850</b>
<b>Transportation Infrastructure 0.1%</b>		
5,465,000	Swift Transportation Co., Senior Secured Notes: 9.899% due 5/15/15 (a)(e)	464,525

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Transportation Infrastructure 0.1% (continued)</b>		
2,810,000	12.500% due 5/15/17 (a)	\$ 266,950
	<b>Total Transportation Infrastructure</b>	731,475
	<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIALS</b>	82,971,139
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 1.3%</b>		
<b>Communications Equipment 0.3%</b>		
6,100,000	Lucent Technologies Inc., Debentures, 6.450% due 3/15/29	2,074,000
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 0.0%</b>		
780,000	NXP BV/NXP Funding LLC, Senior Secured Notes, 3.844% due 10/15/13 (e)	190,125
<b>IT Services 0.6%</b>		
3,285,000	Ceridian Corp., Senior Notes, 12.250% due 11/15/15 (a)(b)	1,667,138
3,100,000	First Data Corp.: 5.625% due 11/1/11	1,565,500
550,000	Senior Notes: 9.875% due 9/24/15 (a)	310,750
440,000	9.875% due 9/24/15	248,600
	<b>Total IT Services</b>	3,791,988
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment 0.1%</b>		
2,180,000	Freescall Semiconductor Inc., Senior Notes: 8.875% due 12/15/14	490,500
1,210,000	9.125% due 12/15/14 (b)	166,375
	<b>Total Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment</b>	656,875
<b>Software 0.3%</b>		
4,200,000	Activant Solutions Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 5/1/16	2,205,000
	<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	8,917,988
<b>MATERIALS 7.0%</b>		
<b>Chemicals 0.7%</b>		
2,000,000	Georgia Gulf Corp., Senior Notes: 9.500% due 10/15/14	310,000
5,905,000	10.750% due 10/15/16	206,675
600,000	Huntsman International LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.875% due 11/15/14	315,000
2,335,000	Methanex Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 8/15/12 (g)	2,199,878
4,810,000	Montell Finance Co. BV, Debentures, 8.100% due 3/15/27 (a)	793,650
1,215,000	Westlake Chemical Corp., Senior Notes, 6.625% due 1/15/16	650,025
	<b>Total Chemicals</b>	4,475,228
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging 0.6%</b>		
2,000,000	Berry Plastics Holding Corp., 8.875% due 9/15/14	990,000
1,205,000	Plastipak Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 8.500% due 12/15/15 (a)	885,675
2,100,000	Radnor Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 11.000% due 3/15/10 (c)(d)(g)	0
2,740,000	Solo Cup Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.500% due 2/15/14	1,849,500
	<b>Total Containers &amp; Packaging</b>	3,725,175

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

**Metals & Mining 3.7%**

1,590,000	Evraz Group SA, Notes:	
680,000	8.875% due 4/24/13 (a)(h)	993,750
4,360,000	9.500% due 4/24/18 (a)	411,400
1,173,092	Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Senior Notes,	
5,395,000	6.875% due 2/1/14	4,037,138
9,050,000	Metals USA Holdings Corp., 7.435% due 7/1/12 (b)(e)	316,735
5,550,000	Metals USA Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 11.125% due	
9,330,000	12/1/15	3,641,625
	Noranda Aluminium Holding Corp., Senior Notes, 8.345%	
	due 11/15/14 (b)(d)(e)	1,402,750
	Novelis Inc., Senior Notes, 7.250% due 2/15/15	3,135,750
	Ryerson Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 12.000% due 11/1/15	
	(a)	5,877,900
	Vale Overseas Ltd., Notes:	

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount		Security	Value
<b>Metals &amp; Mining</b>	<b>3.7% (continued)</b>		
1,284,000		8.250% due 1/17/34 (h)	\$ 1,313,880
3,268,000		6.875% due 11/21/36 (h)	2,822,359
2,070,000		Vedanta Resources PLC, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 1/15/14 (a)(h)	1,397,250
		<b>Total Metals &amp; Mining</b>	<b>25,350,537</b>
<b>Paper &amp; Forest Products</b>	<b>2.0%</b>		
3,546,000		Abitibi-Consolidated Co. of Canada: 15.500% due 7/15/10 (a)	1,010,610
8,135,000		Senior Secured Notes, 13.750% due 4/1/11 (a)	5,897,875
		Appleton Papers Inc.:	
1,470,000		Senior Notes, 8.125% due 6/15/11	995,925
4,900,000		Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 6/15/14	1,114,750
		NewPage Corp.:	
5,535,000		Senior Secured Notes, 9.443% due 5/1/12 (e)	1,909,575
520,000		Senior Subordinated Notes, 12.000% due 5/1/13	127,400
3,141,020		Newpage Holding Corp., 10.265% due 11/1/13 (b)(e)	1,044,389
1,935,000		Smurfit Capital Funding PLC, Debentures, 7.500% due 11/20/25	1,112,625
		Verso Paper Holdings LLC, 11.375% due 8/1/16	490,200
1,720,000		<b>Total Paper &amp; Forest Products</b>	<b>13,703,349</b>
		<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>47,254,289</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	<b>11.3%</b>		
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services</b>	<b>7.3%</b>		
4,740,000		Axtel SAB de CV, Senior Notes: 7.625% due 2/1/17 (a)(h)	3,092,850
370,000		7.625% due 2/1/17 (a)(h)	242,350
1,305,000		Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co., Senior Debentures, 6.300% due 12/1/28	939,600
		Frontier Communications Corp.:	
380,000		Debentures, 7.050% due 10/1/46	212,800
1,780,000		Senior Notes, 7.875% due 1/15/27	1,328,325
5,441,000		Hawaiian Telcom Communications Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 12.500% due 5/1/15 (c)(d)	54,410
1,925,000		Intelsat Bermuda Ltd., Senior Notes, 11.250% due 6/15/16	1,850,406
4,290,000		Intelsat Corp., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 8/15/14 (a)	4,032,600
1,620,000		Intelsat Intermediate Holding Co., Ltd., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 12.019% due 2/1/15 (a)	1,304,100
		Intelsat Jackson Holdings Ltd., Senior Notes:	
2,915,000		9.500% due 6/15/16 (a)	2,725,525
5,755,000		11.500% due 6/15/16 (a)	5,380,925
1,900,000		L-3 Communications Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 6.375% due 10/15/15	1,790,750
		Level 3 Financing Inc., Senior Notes:	
1,660,000		12.250% due 3/15/13	1,269,900
5,840,000		9.250% due 11/1/14	4,263,200
4,915,000		Nordic Telephone Co. Holdings, Senior Secured Bonds, 8.875% due 5/1/16 (a)	4,005,725
2,520,000			2,167,200

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

5,495,000	Qwest Communications International Inc., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 2/15/14	
2,220,000	Telcordia Technologies Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.000% due 3/15/13 (a)	2,115,575
700,000	UBS Luxembourg SA for OJSC Vimpel Communications, Loan Participation Notes, 8.250% due 5/23/16 (a)(h)	1,381,950
3,605,000	Vimpel Communications, Loan Participation Notes,, 8.375% due 4/30/13 (a)	514,500
3,770,000	Virgin Media Finance PLC, Senior Notes, 9.125% due 8/15/16	3,046,225
4,370,000	Wind Acquisition Finance SA, Senior Bonds, 10.750% due 12/1/15 (a)	3,374,150
	Windstream Corp., Senior Notes, 8.625% due 8/1/16	4,326,300
	<b>Total Diversified Telecommunication Services</b>	<b>49,419,366</b>
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services 4.0%</b>		
3,130,000	ALLTEL Communications Inc., Senior Notes, 10.375% due 12/1/17 (a)(b)	3,646,450
210,000	iPCS Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 5.318% due 5/1/13 (e)	150,150

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services 4.0% (continued)</b>		
4,995,000	MetroPCS Wireless Inc., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 11/1/14	\$ 4,651,594
4,020,000	Nextel Communications Inc., Senior Notes, 7.375% due 8/1/15	1,890,260
3,450,000	Sprint Capital Corp., Senior Notes: 7.625% due 1/30/11	2,873,357
5,330,000	8.375% due 3/15/12	4,266,718
3,225,000	6.875% due 11/15/28	1,833,787
3,790,000	8.750% due 3/15/32	2,344,426
14,185,000	True Move Co., Ltd., Notes, 10.750% due 12/16/13 (a)(h)	5,603,075
	<b>Total Wireless Telecommunication Services</b>	<b>27,259,817</b>
	<b>TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	<b>76,679,183</b>
<b>UTILITIES 9.6%</b>		
<b>Electric Utilities 1.2%</b>		
2,880,000	EEB International Ltd., Senior Bonds, 8.750% due 10/31/14 (a)(h)	2,779,200
202,000	Enerjis SA, Notes, 7.375% due 1/15/14	206,698
1,665,000	IPALCO Enterprises Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 8.625% due 11/14/11	1,665,000
6,030,000	Texas Competitive Electric Holding Co. LLC, Senior Notes, 10.500% due 11/1/16 (a)(b)	3,467,250
	<b>Total Electric Utilities</b>	<b>8,118,148</b>
<b>Gas Utilities 0.2%</b>		
1,887,000	Suburban Propane Partners LP/Suburban Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 6.875% due 12/15/13	1,750,192
<b>Independent Power Producers &amp; Energy Traders 8.2%</b>		
1,900,000	AES Corp., Senior Notes: 9.375% due 9/15/10	1,914,250
7,290,000	8.000% due 10/15/17	6,889,050
3,975,000	Dynegy Holdings Inc., Senior Debentures, 7.625% due 10/15/26	2,245,875
4,100,000	Dynegy Inc., Bonds, 7.670% due 11/8/16	3,464,500
2,890,000	Edison Mission Energy, Senior Notes: 7.750% due 6/15/16	2,788,850
2,750,000	7.200% due 5/15/19	2,509,375
4,605,000	7.625% due 5/15/27	3,764,587
38,700,000	Energy Future Holdings, Senior Notes, 11.250% due 11/1/17 (a)(b)	22,639,500
2,143,448	Mirant Mid Atlantic LLC, Pass-Through Certificates, 10.060% due 12/30/28	1,988,048
3,420,000	Mirant North America LLC, Senior Notes, 7.375% due 12/31/13	3,317,400
2,750,000	NRG Energy Inc., Senior Notes: 7.250% due 2/1/14	2,633,125
1,190,000	7.375% due 1/15/17	1,118,600
	<b>Total Independent Power Producers &amp; Energy Traders</b>	<b>55,273,160</b>
	<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>65,141,500</b>
	<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS &amp; NOTES</b>	<b>613,442,674</b>

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

(Cost \$945,802,542)

**ASSET-BACKED SECURITY 0.0%**

**FINANCIAL 0.0%**

**Diversified Financial Services 0.0%**

3,698,937

Airplanes Pass-Through Trust, Subordinated Notes, 10.875% due 3/15/19 (c)(d)(g) (Cost - \$3,942,677)

0

**CONVERTIBLE BONDS & NOTES 0.7%**

**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 0.4%**

**Media 0.4%**

5,980,000

Virgin Media Inc., Senior Notes, 6.500% due 11/15/16 (a)

2,728,375

**INDUSTRIALS 0.3%**

**Airlines 0.0%**

330,445

Delta Air Lines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates, 7.379% due 5/18/10

313,923

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount		Security	Value
<b>Marine 0.3%</b>			
3,895,000		Horizon Lines Inc., Senior Notes, 4.250% due 8/15/12	\$ 1,889,075
		<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIALS</b>	2,202,998
		<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS &amp; NOTES</b>	
		(Cost \$6,972,175)	4,931,373
<b>COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATION 0.2%</b>			
2,603,373		Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass-Through Trust, 3.533% due 4/20/35 (e)(g) (Cost - \$1,576,856)	1,255,011
<b>SOVEREIGN BONDS 3.2%</b>			
<b>Argentina 0.1%</b>			
1,400,000	EUR	Republic of Argentina: 9.250% due 10/21/02 (c)(g)	188,233
300,000	EUR	9.000% due 6/20/03 (c)(g)	40,336
250,000	EUR	10.250% due 1/26/07 (c)(g)	33,613
275,000	EUR	8.000% due 2/26/08 (c)(g)	36,974
665,000		Bonds, 7.000% due 9/12/13 (g)	244,443
97,000	EUR	GDP Linked Securities, 1.262% due 12/15/35 (e)(g)	2,981
		Medium-Term Notes:	
1,175,000	EUR	7.000% due 3/18/04 (c)(g)	157,982
600,000	EUR	8.125% due 10/4/04 (c)(g)	80,671
525,000	EUR	9.000% due 5/24/05 (a)(c)(g)	70,588
		<b>Total Argentina</b>	855,821
<b>Brazil 1.2%</b>			
1,000	BRL	Brazil Nota do Tesouro Nacional: 10.000% due 1/1/10	426
12,268,000	BRL	10.000% due 7/1/10	5,206,017
7,743,000	BRL	10.000% due 1/1/12	3,174,350
		<b>Total Brazil</b>	8,380,793
<b>Indonesia 0.4%</b>			
11,011,000,000	IDR	Republic of Indonesia: 10.250% due 7/15/22	854,480
8,077,000,000	IDR	11.000% due 9/15/25	652,312
6,948,000,000	IDR	10.250% due 7/15/27	523,814
8,327,000,000	IDR	9.750% due 5/15/37	582,251
		<b>Total Indonesia</b>	2,612,857
<b>Panama 0.6%</b>			
1,097,000		Republic of Panama: 9.375% due 4/1/29 (h)	1,236,868
3,370,000		6.700% due 1/26/36 (h)	3,066,700
		<b>Total Panama</b>	4,303,568
<b>Russia 0.1%</b>			
343,980		Russian Federation, 7.500% due 3/31/30 (a)	321,583
<b>Turkey 0.7%</b>			
490,000		Republic of Turkey: 7.000% due 6/5/20 (h)	438,550
1,175,000		11.875% due 1/15/30 (h)	1,655,575
594,000		Bonds, 7.000% due 9/26/16 (h)	579,150
2,784,000		Notes, 6.875% due 3/17/36 (h)	2,213,280
		<b>Total Turkey</b>	4,886,555



*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount	Security	Value
<b>Venezuela 0.1%</b> 1,164,000	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Collective Action Securities, 9.375% due 1/13/34 (h)	\$ 552,900
	<b>TOTAL SOVEREIGN BONDS</b> (Cost \$28,034,193)	21,914,077
<b>COLLATERALIZED SENIOR LOANS 2.0%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 0.5%</b>		
<b>Media 0.5%</b>  2,000,000 3,000,000	Idearc Inc., Term Loan B, Senior Notes, 3.460% due 11/1/14 (e) Newsday LLC, 9.750% due 7/15/13 (e)	694,500 2,670,000
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>	3,364,500
<b>ENERGY 1.0%</b>		
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 0.7%</b> 5,419,573		
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 0.3%</b>  279,613 2,016,411  3,000,000	Turbo Beta Ltd., Term Loan, 14.500% due 3/15/18 (d)(e)  Ashmore Energy International: Synthetic Revolving Credit Facility, 3.461% due 3/30/14 (e) Term Loan, 4.459% due 3/30/14 (e) Stallion Oilfield Services, Term Loan, 8.506% due 7/31/12 (e)	4,308,561  167,069 1,204,805  900,000
	<b>Total Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels</b>	2,271,874
	<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>	6,580,435
<b>INDUSTRIALS 0.1%</b>		
<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 0.1%</b>  2,356,739	Penhall International Corp., Term Loan, 12.288% due 4/1/12 (e)	824,858
<b>MATERIALS 0.4%</b>		
<b>Chemicals 0.0%</b>  700,000	Lyondell Chemical Co., Term Loan B2, 0.000% due 12/20/14	257,600
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging 0.3%</b>  6,368,856 990,405	Berry Plastics Corp., Senior Term Loan, 11.334% due 6/15/14 (e) Graphic Packaging, Term Loan B, 3.435% due 5/3/14 (e)	955,328 818,570
	<b>Total Containers &amp; Packaging</b>	1,773,898
<b>Paper &amp; Forest Products 0.1%</b> 1,149,279	Verso Paper Holdings LLC, 9.033% due 2/1/13 (e)	430,980
	<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	2,462,478
	<b>TOTAL COLLATERALIZED SENIOR LOANS</b> (Cost \$25,298,393)	13,232,271
<b>Shares</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCKS 0.0%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 0.0%</b>		
<b>Household Durables 0.0%</b> 18,861	Mattress Holding Corp. (d)(g)*	0
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 0.0%</b>		
<b>Food Products 0.0%</b> 6,729	Aurora Foods Inc. (d)(g)*	0

**TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES** 0.0%  
**Diversified Telecommunication Services** 0.0%  
870

McLeodUSA Inc., Class A Shares (d)(g)\* 0  
**TOTAL COMMON STOCKS**  
(Cost \$20,183) 0

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Shares	Security	Value
<b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS</b> 0.6%		
<b>FINANCIALS</b> 0.6%		
<b>Diversified Financial Services</b> 0.6%		
6,812	Bank of America Corp., 7.250% due 12/31/49	\$ 3,436,654
56,400	Citigroup Inc., 6.500% due 12/31/49	860,100
	<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS</b>	
	(Cost \$9,399,053)	4,296,754
<b>ESCROWED SHARES</b> 0.0%		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b> 0.0%		
<b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods</b> 0.0%		
\$ 2,025,000	Pillowtex Corp., 9.000% due 12/15/49 (c)(d)(g) (Cost - \$0)	0
<b>PREFERRED STOCKS</b> 0.3%		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b> 0.1%		
<b>Automobiles</b> 0.1%		
101,500	Corts-Ford Motor Co., 7.400%	516,635
1,800	Corts-Ford Motor Co., 8.000%	8,730
2,700	Ford Motor Co., Series F, 7.550%	13,230
	<b>Total Automobiles</b>	538,595
<b>Media</b> 0.0%		
7	ION Media Networks Inc., Series B, 12.000% (d)(g)*	0
	<b>TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>	538,595
<b>FINANCIALS</b> 0.2%		
<b>Consumer Finance</b> 0.1%		
2,521	Preferred Blocker Inc., 7.000% (a)	629,305
<b>Diversified Financial Services</b> 0.1%		
8,200	Preferred Plus, Series FMC1 Trust, Senior Debentures, 8.250%	42,640
12,600	Preferred Plus, Trust, Series FRD-1, 7.400%	58,023
69,100	Saturns, Series F 2003-5, 8.125%	345,500
17,552	TCR Holdings Corp., Class B Shares, 0.000% (d)(g)*	0
9,654	TCR Holdings Corp., Class C Shares, 0.000% (d)(g)*	0
25,451	TCR Holdings Corp., Class D Shares, 0.000% (d)(g)*	0
52,657	TCR Holdings Corp., Class E Shares, 0.000% (d)(g)*	0
	<b>Total Diversified Financial Services</b>	446,163
<b>Thrifts &amp; Mortgage Finance</b> 0.0%		
84,700	Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), 8.250% (j)	93,170
	<b>TOTAL FINANCIALS</b>	1,168,638
	<b>TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS</b>	
	(Cost \$6,244,522)	1,707,233
<b>Warrants</b>		
<b>WARRANTS</b> 0.0%		
18,500	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Oil-linked payment obligations, Expires 4/15/20(g)	323,750
325	Cybernet Internet Services International Inc., Expires 7/1/09(a)(d)(g)*	0
265	GT Group Telecom Inc., Class B Shares, Expires 2/1/10(a)(d)(g)*	0
2,750	Leap Wireless International Inc., Expires 4/15/10(a)(d)(g)*	0
335	Merrill Corp., Class B Shares, Expires 5/1/09(a)(d)(g)*	0

<b>TOTAL WARRANTS</b>	
(Cost \$60,715)	323,750
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE</b>	
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	
(Cost \$1,027,351,309)	661,103,143

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*

## Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.

Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

January 31, 2009

Face Amount		Security	Value
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>2.4%</b>		
<b>Sovereign Bonds</b>	<b>0.0%</b>		
800,000	MYR	Bank Negara Malaysia Monetary Notes, zero coupon bond to yield 3.440% due 2/17/09 (Cost - \$239,522)	\$ 221,447
<b>Repurchase Agreement</b>	<b>2.4%</b>		
16,114,000		Morgan Stanley tri-party repurchase agreement dated 1/30/09, 0.220% due 2/2/09; Proceeds at maturity - \$16,114,295; (Fully collateralized by various U.S. government agency obligations, 5.000% due 12/14/18; Market value - \$16,550,768) (Cost - \$16,114,000)	16,114,000
		<b>TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS</b> (Cost \$16,353,522)	16,335,447
		<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> 100.0% (Cost \$1,043,704,831#)	\$ 677,438,590

\* Non-income producing security.

Face amount denominated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

- (a) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted.
- (b) Payment-in-kind security for which part of the income earned may be paid as additional principal.
- (c) Security is currently in default.
- (d) Illiquid security.
- (e) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is that which is in effect at January 31, 2009.
- (f) Subsequent to January 31, 2009, this security is in default as of February 1, 2009.
- (g) Security is valued in good faith at fair value by or under the direction of the Board of Directors (See Note 1).
- (h) All or a portion of this security is held by the counterparty as collateral for open reverse repurchase agreements.
- (i) Security has no maturity date. The date shown represents the next call date.
- (j) On September 7, 2008, the Federal Housing Finance Agency placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into Conservatorship.
- # Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same.

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

BRL	- Brazilian Real
EUR	- Euro
GDP	- Gross Domestic Product
GMAC	- General Motors Acceptance Corp.
IDR	- Indonesian Rupiah
MYR	- Malaysian Ringgit
OJSC	- Open Joint Stock Company
RUB	- Russian Ruble

*See Notes to Schedule of Investments.*



**Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited)**

**1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies**

Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland and is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund seeks to maximize current income by investing at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in high-yield debt securities. As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation to the extent consistent with its objective of seeking to maximize current income.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

**(a) Investment Valuation.** Debt securities are valued at the mean between the last quoted bid and asked prices provided by an independent pricing service that are based on transactions in debt obligations, quotations from bond dealers, market transactions in comparable securities and various other relationships between securities. Publicly traded foreign government debt securities are typically traded internationally in the over-the-counter market, and are valued at the mean between the last quoted bid and asked prices as of the close of business of that market. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. Futures contracts are valued daily at the settlement price established by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded. When prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund may value these securities at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Short-term obligations with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Effective May 1, 2008, the Fund adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (FAS 157). FAS 157 establishes a single definition of fair value, creates a three-tier hierarchy as a framework for measuring fair value based on inputs used to value the Fund's investments, and requires additional disclosure about fair value. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)



Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

	<b>January 31, 2009</b>	<b>Quoted Prices (Level 1)</b>	<b>Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
Investments in Securities	\$ 677,438,590	\$ 6,003,987	\$ 669,309,731	\$ 2,124,872

Following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

	<b>Investments in Securities</b>
Balance as of October 31, 2008	\$ 116
Accrued premiums/discounts	
Realized gain (loss)	(10,857,458)
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)	10,766,686
Net purchases	285,956
Acquired in connection with merger	750,001
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	1,179,571
Balance as of January 31, 2009	\$ 2,124,872

**Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)**

**(b) Repurchase Agreements.** When entering into repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian or a third party custodian take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the market value of which, at all times, at least equals the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults, and the market value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

**(c) Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund may enter into a reverse repurchase agreement in which the Fund sells a portfolio security at a specified price with an agreement to purchase the same or substantially the same security from the same counterparty at a fixed or determinable price at a future date. When entering into reverse repurchase agreements, the Fund's custodian delivers to the counterparty liquid assets, the market value of which, at the inception of the transaction, at least equals the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund pays interest on amounts obtained pursuant to reverse repurchase agreements. Reverse repurchase agreements are considered to be borrowings, which may create leverage risk to the Fund.

**(d) Foreign Currency Translation.** Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of such transactions.

Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of U.S. dollar denominated transactions as a result of, among other factors, the possibility of lower levels of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets and the possibility of political or economic instability.

**(e) Credit and Market Risk.** The Fund invests in high-yield and emerging market instruments that are subject to certain credit and market risks. The yields of high-yield and emerging market debt obligations reflect, among other things, perceived credit and market risks. The Fund's investment in securities rated below investment grade typically involves risks not associated with higher rated securities including, among others, greater risk related to timely and ultimate payment of interest and principal, greater market price volatility and less liquid secondary market trading. The consequences of political, social, economic or diplomatic changes may have disruptive effects on the market prices of investments held by the Fund. The Fund's investment in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities may also result in foreign currency losses caused by devaluations and exchange rate fluctuations.

**(f) Security Transactions.** Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis.

**2. Investments**

At January 31, 2009, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were substantially as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$	8,299,719
Gross unrealized depreciation		(374,565,960)
Net unrealized depreciation	\$	(366,266,241)

Transactions in reverse repurchase agreements for the Fund during the period ended January 31, 2009 were as follows:

	<b>Average Daily Balance*</b>	<b>Weighted Average Interest Rate*</b>	<b>Maximum Amount Outstanding</b>
\$	69,813,288	3.034%	\$ 98,508,317

\* Average based on number of days the Fund had reverse repurchase agreements outstanding.

**Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)**

Interest rates on reverse repurchase agreements ranged from 0.350% to 7.000% during the period ended January 31, 2009. Interest expense incurred on reverse repurchase agreements totaled \$1,624,003.

At January 31, 2009, the Fund had the following open reverse repurchase agreements:

Face Amount	Security	Value
\$ 1,292,803	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at \$1,306,162 on 2/11/09, collateralized by: \$2,302,000 GTL Trade Finance Inc., 7.250% due 10/20/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,098,649	\$ 1,292,803
1,626,152	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$3,740,000 Odebrecht Finance Ltd., 7.500% due 10/18/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$3,495,205	1,626,152
789,950	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 3.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,097,000 Republic of Panama, 9.375% due 4/1/29; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,271,902	789,950
4,195,923	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at \$4,245,342 on 2/24/09, collateralized by: \$14,185,000 True Move Co., Ltd., 10.750% due 12/16/13; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$5,804,159	4,195,923
634,869	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$2,070,000 Vedanta Resources PLC, 8.750% due 1/15/14; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,406,256	634,869
432,193	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,164,000 Republic of Venezuela, 9.375% due 1/13/34; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$558,929	432,193
1,351,100	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at \$1,365,061 on 2/11/09, collateralized by: \$2,360,000 GTL Trade Finance Inc., 7.250% due 10/20/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,112,447	1,351,100
808,400	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 11/10/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,720,000 LUKOIL International Finance BV, 6.356% due 6/7/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,315,719	808,400
1,540,944	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/1/08 bearing 3.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$2,784,000 2,286,245	1,540,944

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

Republic of Turkey, 6.875% due 3/17/36;  
Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,286,245

2,107,878 Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 2.000% to be repurchased at an amount an date to be determined, collateralized by: \$4,740,000 Axtel SAB de CV, 7.625% due 2/1/17;  
Market Value (including accrued interest) \$3,275,561 2,107,878

## Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

Face Amount	Security	Value
\$ 1,199,279	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$4,490,000 HSBK Europe BV, 7.250% due 5/3/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,618,681	\$ 1,199,279
2,215,775	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 3.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$3,370,000 Republic of Panama, 6.700% due 1/26/36; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$3,071,066	2,215,775
3,123,625	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 2.000% to be repurchased at \$3,132,128 on 2/6/09, collateralized by: \$5,001,000 Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 6.625% due 6/15/35; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$4,038,434	3,123,625
587,070	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 2.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,204,000 RSHB Capital, 7.175% due 5/16/13; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$987,834	587,070
701,195	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 3.000% to be repurchased at \$705,461 on 3/2/09, collateralized by: \$3,025,000 TuranAlem Finance BV, 8.250% due 1/22/37; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,323,458	701,195
4,295,509	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at \$4,318,896 on 2/6/09, collateralized by: \$7,415,000 Kansas City Southern de Mexico, 9.375% due 5/1/12; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$7,278,452	4,295,509
549,670	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at \$552,663 on 2/6/09, collateralized by: \$1,100,000 Kansas City Southern de Mexico, 7.625% due 12/1/13; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$944,017	549,670
1,335,505	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 2.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,175,000 Republic of Turkey, 11.875% due 1/15/30; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,662,513	1,335,505
245,523	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with Credit Suisse, dated 12/19/08 bearing 3.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,059,000 TuranAlem Finance BV, 8.250% due 1/22/37; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$480,073	245,523
451,013	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/21/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,055,000 RSHB Capital, 6.299% due 5/15/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$679,152	451,013
607,200		607,200

Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/21/08 bearing 4.500%  
to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,320,000 RSHB  
Capital, 7.125% due 1/14/14;  
Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,014,736

312,130 Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/21/08 bearing 4.000%  
to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$490,000  
Republic of Turkey, 7.000% due 6/5/20;  
Market Value (including accrued interest) \$444,110 312,130

## Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

Face Amount	Security	Value
\$ 752,424	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/21/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$762,864 on 2/9/09, collateralized by: \$1,284,000 Vale Overseas Ltd., 8.250% due 1/17/34; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,318,562	\$ 752,424
1,611,124	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/21/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$1,632,673 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$3,268,000 Vale Overseas Ltd., 6.875% due 11/21/36; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,867,667	1,611,124
198,875	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/21/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$370,000 Axtel SAB de CV, 7.625% due 2/1/17; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$256,534	198,875
1,869,930	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/27/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$1,893,538 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$5,260,000 AFT Capital BV, 9.250% due 2/21/14;  Market Value (including accrued interest) \$3,663,454	1,869,930
1,540,800	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/27/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$1,560,253 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$2,880,000 EEB International Ltd., 8.750% due 10/31/14; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,844,969	1,540,800
399,090	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/30/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$403,979 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$1,590,000 Evraz Group SA, 8.875% due 4/24/13; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,032,905	399,090
1,054,684	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/30/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$1,067,604 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$2,419,000 Globo Comunicacoes e Participacoes SA, 7.250% due 4/26/22; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$2,309,464	1,054,684
634,920	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/30/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$642,698 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$2,220,000 UBS Luxembourg SA for OJSC Vimpel Communications, 8.250% due 5/23/16; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,417,872	634,920
366,288	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/31/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$1,174,000 ICICI Bank Ltd., 6.375% due 4/30/22; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$683,690	366,288
807,300	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/31/08 bearing 4.500% to be repurchased at \$817,089 on 2/5/09, collateralized by: \$2,070,000 KazMunaiGaz Finance Sub BV, 8.375% due 7/2/13; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$1,701,896	807,300



Edgar Filing: WESTERN ASSET HIGH INCOME FUND II INC. - Form N-Q

354,618	Reverse Repurchase Agreement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., dated 10/31/08 bearing 4.000% to be repurchased at an amount and date to be determined, collateralized by: \$594,000 Republic of Turkey, 7.000% due 9/26/16; Market Value (including accrued interest) \$593,967		354,618
<b>Total Reverse Repurchase Agreements</b>			
(Proceeds	\$39,993,759)	\$	<b>39,993,759</b>

**Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)**

**3. Recent Accounting Pronouncement**

In March 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( FAS 161 ). FAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. FAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund's derivative and hedging activities, including how such activities are accounted for and their effect on the Fund's financial position, performance and cash flows. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of FAS 161 will have on the Fund's financial statements and related disclosures.

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are attached hereto.

---

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Western Asset High Income Fund II Inc.**

By /s/ R. Jay Gerken  
R. Jay Gerken  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 26, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/ R. Jay Gerken  
R. Jay Gerken  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 26, 2009

By /s/ Kaprel Ozsolak  
Kaprel Ozsolak  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 26, 2009

---