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SENATOR ALLARD NAMED CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE *Retains Key Senate Subcommittee*

Denver, CO – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced he has retained the chairmanship of the influential Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. He chaired that subcommittee in the 107th and 108th congresses as well.

In addition to chairing the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, Senator Allard was named to serve on the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and the Subcommittee on Securities and Investment.

“With the upcoming re-authorization of TEA-21, Congress’ comprehensive transportation legislation, chairing the Housing and Transportation Subcommittee ensures that Colorado will have a strong voice on mass transit and highway funding decisions,” Senator Allard said. “This is the ideal position from which to assist with Colorado’s ever increasing transportation needs.”

“During my tenure as chairman, I worked to ensure funding for T-REX , Southeast Light Rail and completion of the Southwest Light Rail corridor,” the Senator said.

Banking Committee Chairman Senator Richard Shelby (R-Alabama) said Friday, “I appreciate the contributions that Senator Allard has made on the Banking Committee over the past two years, particularly in his role as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation.”

“Many of the Committee’s priorities for the coming session involve our nation’s housing markets and transit systems. Senator Allard’s leadership and experience will be key as the Committee moves through its ambitious agenda,” Senator Shelby said.

As Chairman of the Housing and Transportation Subcommittee in the previous Congress, Senator Allard made affordable housing one of his top legislative priorities. In 2003 the Senator introduced and obtained final passage of the American Dream Downpayment Act to help low-income and first-time home buyers with down payment and closing costs. The Act was signed into law by President Bush on December 16, 2003.

Senator Allard announced in December he is joining the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee for the 109th Congress and will remain on the Senate Budget Committee as well as the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

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