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## ALLARD PRAISES SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE'S PASSAGE OF RURAL TV BILL SAYS LEGISLATION ENSURES RURAL AMERICA WILL NOT BE PASSED OVER BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVOLUTION

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today praised the passage of the Local TV Act, S. 2097, by the Senate Banking Committee. Allard, a member of the committee and a cosponsor of the bill, said he is hopeful of full Senate passage of the legislation by this Spring. The committee passed the bill unanimously.

“Today’s action means the telecommunications revolution will not pass by rural America,” Allard said. “This bill will ensure that rural communities in Colorado will be able to access their local TV stations in order to get news, weather or watch local sporting events.”

Allard has been working with Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm to craft a bill that provides access to local TV stations in rural areas who must rely on satellite dishes to get reception of programing.

“This legislation is a ‘win-win’ proposal,” added Allard. “We have protected the taxpayers while at the same time provided access to local TV programing for rural areas.”

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