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SENATOR ALLARD VOTES YES ON BANKRUPTCY REFORM BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), a member of the Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs, made the following statement after a final Senate vote on the bankruptcy reform bill, which was enacted by a vote of 74 to 25:

“I voted for this legislation because it provides an even-handed balance between debtor protection and creditor remedies. Abuse and fraud in our bankruptcy system costs millions of dollars, slowing economic growth and overwhelming the bankruptcy courts.

“The costs of bankruptcy impact American consumers in many ways: higher prices and interest rates because others have defaulted, higher down-payment requirements for auto and home loans, shorter grace periods for paying bills and higher late fees.

“The individuals hurt most by this ‘bankruptcy tax’ are those who need credit the most: lower-income families that need access to credit for unexpected expenses, but who face higher overall borrowing costs as a result, in part, of others’ bankruptcies.”

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