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## ALLARD SPONSORS ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES TAX CREDIT BILL SAYS LEGISLATION WILL ENCOURAGE REPLACEMENT OF LESS EFFICIENT APPLIANCES WITH MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT ONES

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) and U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) have teamed up to propose legislation (S. 686) that would give tax credits for the production of super energy-efficient appliances. Manufacturers of super energy-efficient washing machines and refrigerators would be eligible for a tax credit on each appliance that exceeds the 2001 DOE energy efficient standards.

“This legislation is a win-win proposal,” said Allard. “Consumers, through the purchase of energy-efficient appliances, would enjoy lower utility costs and help conserve energy and water.”

Allard, who serves as Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, added that consumers would realize more than \$1 billion in savings due to lower energy costs associated with the more energy-efficient appliances.

“We need to do all we can to encourage energy conservation. This legislation will encourage millions of Americans to replace their less efficient appliances with more energy-efficient ones,” added Allard. “The cumulative effect of this legislation would mean a savings of more than 200 Btu of energy or the equivalent of the energy generated by six power plants annually. In addition, it would reduce water usage by 870 billion gallons or the amount of water a city the size of Phoenix, Arizona consumes every two years.”

Allard has already recruited a powerful ally in his effort to pass the legislation. U.S. Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has signed on as an original co-sponsor of the bill. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

“With Chairman Grassley’s support this bill has an excellent chance of being approved this session of Congress,” concluded Allard.

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