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ALLARD SPONSORS MEDICARE MODERNIZATION RESOLUTION BILL INCLUDES PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE PROVISION

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has sponsored a resolution with U.S. Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) to modernize Medicare, create a plan that includes prescription drug coverage and give new choices to Medicare patients.

“Medicare has not significantly changed in the past 35 years,” Allard said. “The modernization of the Medicare program is long overdue. The most significant change that is needed in Medicare is the addition of prescription drug provision.”

S. Res. 269 asks the Senate to consider legislation by September 30 that will modernize Medicare by offering coverage options, plans with prescription drug programs and to ensure comprehensive benefits for current and future retirees. It would allow program users to continue their current plan benefits or choose from several competing plans.

“Currently, Medicare only provides limited access to facilities, doctors and medicine,” added Allard. “It is time to update this antiquated system to meet the needs of patients and families today.”

U.S. Senator’s Thad Cochran (R-MS) and James Inhofe (R-OK) also joined Allard in co-sponsoring the Resolution to modernize Medicare.