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ALLARD RATED TOP SENATOR BY NTU NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION ANNUAL RATING GIVES COLORADO SENATOR BEST SCORE IN ENTIRE U.S. SENATE

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) was rated the number one Senator in the recently released annual ratings by the National Taxpayers Union (NTU). The annual rating scores members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate on all votes concerning taxes, regulations and federal spending. Senator Allard's score of 88% was the best score among all 100 Senators in this year's rating. U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell received a score of 79%.

"Senator Allard's pro-taxpayer score was the highest in the entire Senate," said John Berthoud, NTU President. "By consistently voting to reduce federal spending, taxes and debt, Senator Allard has truly earned the title, 'Taxpayers' Friend.' If more members of Congress voted like Senator Allard, taxpayers could sleep more comfortably at night."

NTU's 25th annual rating was based on 194 Senate roll call votes held throughout the 2001 session. Senator Allard was one of just 23 Senators whose score earned him a grade of 'A' for his dedication toward paying down the national debt, reducing taxes, federal spending and regulations.

"I remain committed to continuing my work to eliminate wasteful federal spending and reducing the enormous tax burden placed on the American people," Allard said. "It is a true honor to earn the top ranking in the U.S. Senate for 2001 and to once again be named a 'Friend of the Taxpayer' by the National Taxpayers Union."

Unlike other organizations, NTU's annual Rating does not focus on only a few votes, it is based on virtually every congressional roll call vote concerning fiscal policy.

"Of all the Congressional roll calls published by outside groups, the National Taxpayers Union is the most comprehensive and most objective," said former Democratic Wisconsin U.S. Senator William Proxmire, while announcing this year's NTU ratings.

