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ALLARD PRAISES PASSAGE OF SENATE ACCOUNTING REFORM BILL SAYS LEGISLATION WILL HELP RESTORE INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, today praised the passage of the bi-partisan Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act (S 2673) by a vote of 97-0.

“This legislation creates much needed reforms in corporate accounting,” said Allard. “I believe these changes are a step in the right direction to restoring investor confidence.”

The reforms passed allow the Security and Exchange Commission(SEC) to bar individuals who engage in serious misconduct from serving as an officer or director of a corporation. It will create tougher sentencing laws for corporate officers who commit fraud and double the penalty for mail and wire fraud. It will also allow the SEC to freeze suspicious payments to corporate executives while the company is under investigation.

It also creates an independent board to oversee auditors, requires full financial disclosure of off-balance sheet transactions and separates auditing and consulting services.

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