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## SENATE APPROVES ALLARD'S SAND DUNES BILL LEGISLATION NOW MOVES TO HOUSE FOR APPROVAL

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard's legislation to turn the Great Sand Dunes National Monument into our nation's newest national park was approved by the U.S. Senate unanimously on Thursday evening.

"This is a tremendous victory for everyone who has worked hard over the last year to create a Great Sand Dunes National Park," Allard said following the Senate's vote on Thursday evening. "I believe the unanimous vote by the Senate on this bill demonstrates the high level of support this legislation enjoys in Congress and gives the bill great momentum as it heads to the House for consideration."

Allard credited a number of people for their efforts in getting the bill through the Senate in record time.

"This truly has been a team effort," added Allard. "Without the unprecedented community support we received from the people from the San Luis Valley along with the hard work of Congressman Scott McInnis, Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and the Secretary of the Interior we could not have gotten this legislation through the U.S. Senate so quickly. A project like this normally would take years instead of months."

The bill now proceeds to the House of Representatives. Colorado Third District Representative Scott McInnis, who has introduced a similar Sand Dunes bill, has expressed his support in trying to get the bill passed before Congress adjourns.

"My efforts now will turn toward assisting Congressman McInnis in getting this bill through the House before Congress adjourns," concluded Allard.

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