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SENATOR ALLARD, CONGRESSMAN HEFLEY TEAM UP TO IMPROVE OVERSIGHT AT SERVICE ACADEMIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colordo) announced Tuesday that the 2005 Defense Authorization Bill Conference Report approved by Congress includes three important provision that he had submitted with Congressman Joel Hefley to strengthen the leadership at America’s service academies and improve oversight at those institutions.

“These changes strengthen the leadership at the US Air Force Academy, and ensure that administrators of all levels at the Academy are invested in the success of the school,” Senator Allard said. “As a member of the Board of Visitors, I believe the changes will improve our oversight at the school.”

The Allard-Hefley academy provisions in the bill:

- * Revise the length of service as Superintendent at all Military Academies; repeal requirements that superintendents retire upon completion of service; give Secretaries of the services flexibility with regard to future utilization of these officers and change duty requirement from two years to three years.
- * Change qualifications for Dean of Faculty at the U.S. Air Force Academy, requiring that a selected dean must have the highest academic degree in his or her field.
- * Revise the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Air Force Academy; change the number of times the Board meets, stipulating two meetings a year at the Academy; allow the Chairman to remove from the board members who are no longer actively participating.

“I worked in conjunction with Congressman (Joel) Hefley to get these improvements incorporated into the legislation,” Senator Allard said. “I am proud of the way we teamed up to get the provisions adopted.”

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