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## ALLARD PRAISES RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTION IN NEW FARM BILL CHAIRMAN OF SENATE RENEWABLE ENERGY CAUCUS SAYS NEW FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY GOOD FOR AMERICA

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, praised the addition of a new renewable energy section that has been added to the Farm Bill by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Allard, a member of the Agriculture Committee assisted in adding the new section into the Farm Bill.

“This new energy section in the Farm Bill focusing on renewable energy is not only good for farmers and ranchers, it is good for America,” said Allard. “For the first time ever in the Farm Bill, we are recognizing the important role that farmers and ranchers can play in meeting our nation’s energy needs.”

Allard, as chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy Caucus, has pushed for more emphasis on renewable energy as part of an overall energy plan. This year, Allard has introduced legislation, currently pending before Congress, to provide tax credits for residential solar energy conversion, production of high energy efficiency appliances and successfully gained additional funding for on-going renewable energy research being conducted at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado.

Under the legislation approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee, the new Energy Section in the Farm Bill would encourage the following:

- \* Provides farmers and ranchers incentives for energy production through the utilization of solar, wind and bio- mass.
- \* Encourages greater conservation of energy.
- \* Allows new funding for additional renewable energy research.

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