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## **SENATOR ALLARD TO JOIN POWERFUL SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Monday that Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist has appointed him to the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee when the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes in January. Senator Allard will occupy the committee position left vacant by Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colorado), who did not seek re-election.

“This committee assignment will give Colorado an even stronger voice in the U.S. Senate,” Senator Allard said. “I will be working to shape the nation’s spending priorities, and to ensure that Colorado’s people and projects receive federal support where it is most needed.”

The Appropriations Committee is responsible for preparing the 13 annual bills that provide funding for federal government agencies and any supplemental requests made by the Administration. Senator Allard will continue to serve on the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, and the Senate Budget Committee. In order to join the Appropriations Committee, Senator Allard will relinquish his seat on the Senate Armed Services Committee and his seat on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

“It was very difficult for me to relinquish my assignment on the Senate Armed Services Committee,” Senator Allard said, “but the opportunity to become a member of one of the Senate’s most powerful committees does not come along every day.”

“I also believe, that as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I still will be able to work on defense issues,” the Senator said.

Congress distinguishes between authorization bills and appropriation bills. Money spent by the federal government must first be authorized by Congress. However, authorizing money to be spent does not ensure the expenditure. The allocation of money to a government agency or program requires an appropriation.

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