

Wayne Allard

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ALLARD COMPLETES SEVENTH YEAR OF TOWN MEETINGS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Consistent with his belief that elected officials should be citizen legislators, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard recently completed his seventh straight year of conducting at least one town meeting in each of Colorado's 64 counties. He has held more than 600 town meetings across Colorado since his election to the Senate in 1996. He wound up his 2003 series of town meetings with an event in Pueblo.

Senator Allard accomplished his record number of town meetings while at the same time maintaining a better than 99 percent voting record in the Senate and serving as Chairman of the Senate Banking Housing and Transportation Subcommittee and Senate Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee.

“This is the best way I know to take the pulse of the people,” Senator Allard said. “These meetings serve as an extremely effective conduit allowing me to stay in touch with issues important to Coloradans and to bring those concerns back to Washington to be addressed.”

“I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to participate in my town meetings over the past seven years and I look forward to continuing these informal gatherings in 2004 to better serve the citizens of our great state,” he said.

Issues that dominated the latest round of meetings include the war on terror and the war in Iraq, the ongoing situation at the Air Force Academy, Medicare and prescription drugs.

Senator Allard is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the Senate Budget Committee; and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. He said his 2004 town meeting schedule will begin with a town meeting on January 14 in Broomfield.

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