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Enzi Announces Pension Policy Staff
For Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

Washington, D.C. - Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP Committee), today announced that Diann Howland and David Thompson have joined his HELP Committee staff.

Diann Howland will serve as Pension Policy Director, where she will coordinate the efforts on behalf of Chairman Enzi to reform and strengthen the defined benefit system, while also working to update the nation's laws affecting defined contribution plans.

Howland left the American Benefits Council, where she served as Vice President, to join Enzi's team. Her previous federal government service has included working for the Senate Finance and Senate Aging Committees under Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA), the Senate Labor Committee, which she served for 11 years and the Department of Labor, which she served for six years.

"I look forward to helping the Committee and Chairman Enzi find the best way to reform pension and retirement policy at a time when it is so crucial for our workers and our nation," remarked Howland.

David L. Thompson will serve as Pension Counsel to the HELP Committee. He previously held the position of Labor Policy Director with the Committee. Before going to Capitol Hill in 2001, Thompson practiced labor and employment law for 18 years, specializing in union relations, construction labor law, and administrative law. He is a native of Georgia and South Carolina.

"I am very proud to be working for Senator Enzi who is leading the way in pension reform, and having the opportunity to work with Diann Howland, the most experienced pension expert around," added Thompson.

"Diann and David have a real depth of experience and understanding of the system," said Chairman Enzi. "They bring extensive knowledge with them having worked on these issues for the duration of their careers. As the workforce changes and employers face new global market pressures, Congress must be proactive in helping both workers and employers design retirement security plans for the future.

"Diann and David will play important roles in the HELP Committee's effort to reform pension security law and better protect the retirement benefits due millions of Americans and their families," Enzi said.