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**Budget Brings Tough Choices;  
Enzi Will Work to Strengthen Education, Jobs, Health Care, Pensions**

**Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee today acknowledged the tough choices presented by President Bush's Fiscal 2007 budget request, but said he is committed to working with colleagues to review and strengthen programs under the HELP Committee's jurisdiction to ensure they are cost-effective and accountable.

"The budget is a critical tool that can be used to reign in government spending and expansion while reducing the financial burden on future generations," said Enzi, a member of the Senate Budget Committee. "However, we also will strengthen and protect programs that help Americans receive a quality education, ensure long-term competitiveness, provide affordable, accessible healthcare and strengthen pension rules while expanding retirement savings opportunities for working people."

"We must ensure, with proper oversight, that government programs are cost efficient, accountable for their results and that taxpayer money is being properly utilized by eliminating waste and fraud," Enzi added. "Our goal is to keep what works - and fix what doesn't."

Enzi cautioned that the President's budget request is only the first step in a long process that undoubtedly will draw criticism from special interests hoping to spread panic over specific programs targeted by proposed cuts. "I urge folks to remember that this is

not the stage for panic and not the stage for a war of words about motives behind specific items in the President's budget request," he said.

"For now, we need to stay focused on whether we will exercise fiscal responsibility or add to the burden of our children and grandchildren."

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