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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE ENZI, R-WY, CHAIRMAN,
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR & PENSIONS
CONCERNING STATUS OF THE PENSIONS CONFERENCE:**

“I took the unusual step of compiling a draft version of a way to complete the conference agreement on the pension bill and gave it to my negotiating partners last Friday. I did this because time has run out.

“The Conferees and their staff spent the weekend working through my proposal and preparing their suggestions. As a result, I understand the House has narrowed down its concerns in a House counter offer that would propose modifications to the Chairman's draft.

“The bottom line is that we all agree on 90 percent and I'm expecting to finish up the last 10% in the next couple of days so that we can have the bill to the President this month.”

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