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***ENZI URGES DIVERSE INVESTMENTS TO HELP PENSION
BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION GROW***

Washington D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, R-WY, Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP Committee), today said that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), which safeguards the pensions of over 44 million American workers and retirees, must maintain a diversified and prudent investment portfolio in order to grow and reduce its deficit.

“Our pension laws encourage individuals and private pension plans to diversify their investments for long-term growth and stability, and the PBGC must do the same,” Enzi said. “To weather the ups and downs of the economy, the PBGC needs a diverse, forward-thinking investment strategy.

“We must allow PBGC to grow and reduce its deficit in order to protect the pensions of millions of workers and retirees. Otherwise we risk a tax-payer bailout – and a tax-payer bailout is not an option.”

Enzi noted that the PBGC’s investment policy is more conservative than the vast majority of Fortune 500 companies’ pension plans, the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS), the nation’s largest pension plan, and the federal government’s own National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust.

Enzi said he supports recommendations, included in a report the Government Accountability Office released today, to improve the PBGC board’s corporate governance policies regarding its investment policy.

“The PBGC board needs to improve its overall corporate governance policies, including investment policy,” Enzi said. “I have raised the issue of better corporate governance with Charles Millard, the PBGC’s Director, and he has made significant progress in this area.”

The complete GAO report is available here:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08667.pdf>.

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