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Pledges to Move Forward with Appropriations Process in Bipartisan Manner

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Senator Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and member of the Senate Budget Committee, applauded today's passage of the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Conference Report, which delivers tax relief for middle-income families and funds the needs of the American people.

Senator Byrd's statement is below.

This is a budget that reflects the priorities of America: security, opportunity, and responsibility. This plan sets out a fiscally responsible path, delivers tax relief for families, and fully funds national defense, veterans' care, homeland security, higher education, and children's health care. After years of unprecedented fiscal recklessness and misplaced priorities, this Congress is determined to put our nation on a new course. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move forward with the appropriations process in a timely manner. The American people expect and deserve a government that is responsive to their needs and that also lives within its means. That is exactly what we intend to deliver.

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