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**Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg Comments
on House Approval of Line-Item Veto Authority**

“I applaud the House leadership, including Budget Chairman Nussle, for their efforts to eliminate wasteful federal spending. Giving the President the tools necessary to wipe out excessive and duplicative spending is one important step toward restoring fiscal discipline to the budget process.

“Other steps we can take include restraining discretionary spending, addressing the issue of emergency spending, slowing the rate of growth of entitlement spending, and looking at long-term solutions for the solvency of entitlement programs. These provisions, all of which are contained in my budget reform package, the *Stop Over-Spending Act* (S.3521), will help to reduce the deficit, restore control to the budget process and protect future generations from the reckless spending that is pushing our economy toward a fiscal crisis.

“I look forward to working with my House and Senate colleagues to continue this important debate and find common-sense solutions to our serious fiscal challenges.”