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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
Re: Pension conferees named
Da: Friday, March 3, 2006

Ending months of discussion and delay on the Democratic side, today the Senate named conferees on the pension reform bill. They are nine Republicans: Sens. Grassley, Hatch, Lott, Snowe, Santorum, Enzi, Gregg, DeWine, and Isakson; and seven Democrats, Sens. Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Bingaman, Kennedy, Harkin, and Mikulski. Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following comment on this development.

"This pulls pension reform out of the ditch and puts it back on the road. In spite of three months of delay from the Senate Democratic leadership in appointing conferees on this bipartisan legislation that passed the Senate 97-2 on Nov. 16, I'm confident we can get a good bill to the President before the April recess that will strengthen the retirement security of all Americans. I look forward to continuing the bipartisan work with my colleagues in the House and Senate."