

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

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STATEMENT BY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KENT CONRAD (D-ND) ON APPOINTMENT TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FISCAL COMMISSION

“I am honored by the Senate Majority Leader’s decision to appoint me to President’s Obama’s bipartisan fiscal commission; and I am humbled by the task ahead. I look forward to working closely with the commission’s co-chairs, Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson, as well as the other commission members.

“We have a tremendous responsibility to set aside partisan differences and come up with a bipartisan plan that puts the nation back on a sound fiscal course. But we have no time to waste. We need to begin making the tough choices now so that policies can be phased in once the economy has recovered. It is critical that we demonstrate to the American people and to the world that we are capable of dealing with the urgent issues facing the country. We need everyone working together toward this common goal. Our nation’s economic future is at stake.”

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