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**Statement from Senator Judd Gregg on Majority Party's Refusal to Allow Vote
on Amendment to Reduce Wasteful Spending**

“Despite reaching a good-faith agreement with the Democratic leadership that my fiscally responsible amendment, *A Second Look at Wasteful Spending*, would be taken up at another time, I was disappointed to learn that objections from another Democratic senator effectively blocked that agreement.

“I fully support ethics reform – in fact, I offered my amendment to strengthen the ethics reform package – so will continue to push for a vote on this reasonable proposal to reduce wasteful federal spending. I cannot support ending debate on this bill until the Senate has had a chance to fully debate and vote on a proposal to improve the government’s stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and I look forward to working with my colleagues across the aisle to achieve that goal.”