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Senator Gregg Co-Sponsors Bill to Create Government Spending-Reform Commission

Senator Judd Gregg, ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, today joined Senator Sam Brownback and 20 other senators in introducing legislation to create a government spending-reform commission, called the Commission on Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies (CARFA).

“This measure, also included in my *Stop Over-Spending Act of 2007* (S. 15), is a critical step toward eliminating unnecessary and wasteful federal spending,” said Senator Gregg. “Following the majority’s passage of a massive tax-and-spend budget this year, this bill offers a much-needed dose of fiscal responsibility.”

CARFA would consist of 15 members, appointed by the President, the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the Speaker of the House, and the House Minority Leader. Each year over its four-year life, the commission would review approximately 25 percent of federal agencies and programs, presenting to Congress both recommendations and legislation to implement its findings.

The recommendations would aim to realign or eliminate federal agencies or programs found to be duplicative, wasteful, inefficient, outdated, or failed. Congress would consider and vote on these recommendations without amendment in an expedited manner.

The 22 original co-sponsors of CARFA are Senators Allard, Brownback, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, DeMint, Dole, Ensign, Graham, Gregg, Hutchison, Inhofe, Isakson, Kyl, Martinez, McCain, Sessions, Sununu, Thune, and Vitter.