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**Senator Gregg Comments on Year-End U.S. Treasury Statement
for Fiscal Year 2007**

“Today’s year-end announcement from the U.S. Treasury that the fiscal year 2007 federal deficit, at \$163 billion or 1.2 percent of GDP, is \$85 billion lower than last year’s deficit is evidence that the U.S. economy continues to thrive under the current pro-growth tax policies. This is the third straight year that the deficit has dropped significantly.

“This decline has occurred because pro-growth policies enacted in 2001 and 2003 by the President and a Republican Congress have worked, growing the economy by an average annual rate of 3.1 percent since 2003. With nearly 8.5 million new jobs created over the past four years, unemployment is a low 4.7 percent -- below the average of the past three decades. That economic growth has translated to record levels of revenues that have helped put us on the path to a balanced budget.

“Unfortunately, as evidenced by the Democratic budget this year, the majority advocates a tax-and-spend agenda that threatens to squander our economic successes. Their budget also ignores the snowballing growth of entitlement programs, which if left unchecked, will overwhelm our children’s and grandchildren’s resources in the very near future.

The benefits of fair, pro-growth tax policies are clear. These policies are largely responsible for today’s strong economy, and should be continued as we work to restrain spending and address the unsustainable growth in entitlement programs.”