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Senate Budget Committee Chairman Gregg Applauds House Passage of Deficit Reduction Act

WASHINGTON – Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg today applauded the early morning passage of the *Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act* conference report by the U.S. House of Representatives.

“I am pleased to see that for the first time in eight years, Congress is taking steps to control the skyrocketing costs of entitlement spending that threatens the economic well-being of our children’s and grandchildren’s generations,” said Chairman Gregg. “I commend House Budget Committee Chairman Nussle, as well as all members of the conference committee, for their hard work and determination to craft a conference report. This report contains good government reforms that are fiscally responsible, reduce the rate of government growth and improve federal programs to better serve Americans who need them.

“I look forward to working with the leadership and my Senate colleagues to quickly approve this conference report before Congress adjourns for the holiday recess.”