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Senator Gregg Calls Partisan Budget Conference Process “Disappointing”

“As the Democratic conferees to the fiscal year 2008 budget resolution conference committee prepare to roll out a partisan budget conference report today, it is disappointing that this tax-and-spend budget was crafted with no input from the minority party.

“The Senate- and House-passed budgets included the largest tax increase in U.S. history, billions in new spending, and no attempt to address the long-term fiscal crisis posed by entitlement programs. As one of four Republican conferees to the budget conference committee, I would have liked the opportunity to address the serious problems included in this budget. Unfortunately, we were excluded from all substantive meetings of the conference committee, a situation that does a disservice to the millions of taxpayers and businesses who will see their tax burden rise dramatically as a result of these one-sided negotiations.”