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**SENATE ACCEPTS FINANCE PLAN FOR SENIORS, DISABLED VETS  
IN COMPROMISE ECONOMIC STIMULUS LEGISLATION**

*Additions to House-passed bill bring 20 million seniors, 250,000 disabled veterans  
into congressional effort to boost American economy*

*Washington, DC* – The Senate has voted to add key elements of the Finance Committee economic stimulus plan to the House-passed economic stimulus bill. Last week, Finance Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) presented and the panel passed a package of provisions that would extend stimulus rebate checks to at least 20 million American seniors living on Social Security and to 250,000 disabled veterans left out of the House-passed stimulus bill. The Finance plan also included safeguards missing from the House bill to ensure that illegal immigrants could not receive rebates. By a vote of 81 to 16 today, the Senate accepted the bipartisan Finance Committee provisions and sent the measure back to the House for final approval.

**“These changes are a victory for the 20 million seniors and for the 250,000 disabled veterans left out of the House-passed package. These changes are a victory for all Senators on both sides of the aisle who stood up to say this rebate should go to the folks who will stimulate our economy the fastest,”** said Baucus. **“When we began this process there was enormous opposition to making even good, bipartisan changes to the House-passed package. I am proud that the Finance Committee and the Senate successfully improved this bill for seniors, disabled veterans, and the people of this country who really need it, and I am proud to have done it just as quickly as we said we would.”**

A summary of today’s amendment is available on the Finance Committee website at <http://www.finance.senate.gov/sitepages/legislation.htm> .

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