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Baucus Announces New Leader for Finance Committee's Health Team

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) U.S. Senator Max Baucus has named Pat Bousliman to be Acting Chief of the Senate Finance Committee Health and Welfare Team starting June 13. Bousliman has served Senator Baucus on health care issues for several years. Prior to coming to the Finance Committee in 2001, he worked for three years on Baucus' personal staff, where he handled health care issues. He currently is in charge of Medicare Parts A and B for the Democratic staff of the Finance Committee.

"I am pleased that Pat has agreed to take on this daunting responsibility," Baucus said. "His extensive background and knowledge is an enormous asset as the Finance Committee addresses the important health care issues facing our nation. Pat's expertise will be especially significant as the new prescription drug benefit will be enacted in 2006."

The health team will be led by Bousliman while a search is undertaken for a permanent replacement. Bousliman takes the reins from Chief Health and Entitlements Counsel, Elizabeth Fowler, who will join the firm Health Policy Alternatives, Inc. as principal on June 20th.

Bousliman is originally from Helena, Montana and is a graduate of the University of Montana.

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