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BAUCUS WELCOMES BOB CASEY TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pennsylvania Senator Brings Extensive Economic Experience to the Finance Committee for the 113th Congress

Washington, DC – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) today welcomed Senator Bob Casey (D-Penn.) to the committee for the 113th Congress. Senator Casey fills the vacancy left by former Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.), who left the Senate earlier this month to become Secretary of State.

“Bob Casey is a strong fighter for Pennsylvania and an important voice on jobs and the economy,” Senator Baucus said. **“Bob has a proven record of standing up for the middle class on economic issues, and he will make a valuable addition to the Finance Committee. I’m looking forward to working with Bob to move our economic recovery forward, reform the tax code and address our fiscal problems.”**

Senator Casey was first elected to the Senate in 2006 and was reelected last November for a second term. He serves on the Joint Economic Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, the Health Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging. Last year, he also served alongside Senator Baucus as a member of the payroll tax cut conference committee. Prior to being elected to Congress, Senator Casey served as Pennsylvania’s Auditor General and State Treasurer.

The Finance Committee is one of the most established and influential committees in the Senate. It has legislative jurisdiction over tax policy, trade policy and Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. These programs and policies constitute more than half of the federal budget and all of federal revenue, having a direct impact on the nation’s economy.

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