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KENNEDY, ENZI TAKE NEXT STEP TO ADDRESS KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

HELP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ENZI AND RANKING MEMBER KENNEDY WORK TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSALS FROM RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

Washington, D.C. – Tomorrow, Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Senator Michael Enzi will hold a hearing with senators on the HELP committee and outside witnesses to formulate a bipartisan plan on the immediate and long-term needs resulting from Hurricane Katrina and the following relief efforts. The HELP Committee roundtable will take place at 10:00 AM in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building and will build on the guidance given Tuesday when Senators Kennedy and Enzi met with over 25 organizations working to provide relief for victims.

Senator Kennedy has already put forth proposals to ensure that students don't miss a year of school, survivors receive much needed health care, and families receive economic assistance during this time of great tragedy. Some of these ideas became a part of Democratic Caucus agenda and others will become part of the HELP Committee's plan.

“Our response and focus to Hurricane Katrina is a defining moment in our nation's history and a test of our decency and humanity as a people.” Senator Kennedy said on the floor yesterday, “History is watching us now, and it will judge our actions. We can commit that we will not stop, that we will not rest, until these communities are back and stronger than before, until families have been reunited, and until the survivors of this catastrophe are restored into the full measure of American life.”

WHO: SENATOR KENNEDY, SENATOR ENZI and SENATORS on the HELP Committee

Witnesses TBD

WHAT: HELP Committee roundtable addressing response efforts and future needs of Hurricane Katrina victims

WHERE: Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 106

WHEN: 10:00 AM
Thursday, September 8