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***ENZI APPLAUDS SENATE PASSAGE  
OF CRITICAL ANIMAL DRUG LEGISLATION***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today applauded the Senate for approving legislation to prevent expiration of the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA), which provides the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the resources to evaluate and approve new drugs for animals in a timely and effective manner. The bill also would create a new user fee program for generic animal drugs.

“Pet owners, farmers, ranchers, and veterinarians rely on FDA’s ability to evaluate and approve life-saving drugs for animals,” Enzi said. “By reauthorizing ADUFA, the Senate will keep this important program running, and will ensure that FDA can retain the talent and expertise of its valuable employees.

“ADUFA has been a success, and we should build on that success by creating a similar user fee program for generic animal drugs. Only by providing FDA with the resources it needs to approve generic drugs can we tap into their cost-saving benefits.”

The Senate approved the “Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2008,” H.R. 6432, today without objection, after the House of Representatives passed the bill Wednesday. The bill reauthorizes the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA) and creates a new Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act. It also includes a bipartisan provision to expand and streamline the reporting of antibiotics in animals, and two technical corrections to the FDA reform bill, PL 110-85, which Congress enacted last year.

“I am disappointed that this bill contains just two of several technical changes needed to implement properly the FDA reforms we enacted last year,” Enzi said. “The full package of technical corrections is critical to ensure that key safety and accountability provisions in the bill work as Congress intended. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to complete the full technical corrections package.”

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