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***ENZI: SHORTER, SIMPLER FAFSA WILL HELP STUDENTS
GET FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE***

Washington D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP Committee), today applauded the Department of Education for unveiling a prototype for a new, simpler Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

“Applying for financial aid shouldn’t be harder than filing your taxes,” said Enzi, the Senate’s only accountant. “I’m pleased that the Department is looking ahead to develop a shorter, simpler FAFSA that will encourage students and parents to apply for the financial aid they need.

“Simplifying the financial application process for students and parents was a key priority of mine in the Higher Education Act reauthorization we passed into law over the summer. The old forms were so long and complicated that they discouraged students from even applying for financial aid, and that was never our intent,” Enzi said.

“I look forward to working with the Department on this important step toward helping more students have access to higher education, so they can develop the knowledge and skills they need to be successful,” he added.

