

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

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STATEMENT BY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KENT CONRAD (D-ND) AFTER MEETING WITH OMB DIRECTOR NOMINEE JIM NUSSLE

“Representative Nussle and I had a very frank discussion today. While I understand the President’s desire to appoint an OMB Director of his choice, a number of Members have spoken with me about their very real concerns about his nomination. Members expressed serious reservations about Mr. Nussle’s reputation for confrontation.

“Our nation faces serious long-term fiscal challenges that can only be addressed with bipartisan cooperation. We need an OMB Director who is fully committed to working with Congress to tackle all of the fiscal challenges facing this country.”

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(Note to editors: At the request of the Bush administration, Chairman Conrad met with Representative Nussle in the Chairman’s Hart Senate office late this afternoon.)