



U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON

# Finance

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Reporters and Editors  
FR: Jill Kozeny, 202/224-1308  
RE: Thompson resignation  
DA: Dec. 3, 2004

Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, issued the following comment today about HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson.

"During his term, Secretary Thompson provided leadership on critically important issues facing American seniors and our health care delivery system. He was instrumental in the historic enactment of the Medicare Modernization Act, which created the first-ever Medicare prescription drug benefit, expanded coverage for preventive benefits and strengthened the Medicare program for our nation's seniors and Americans with disabilities. After September 11<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Thompson led the creation of the National Bioterrorism Command Center and strengthened the nation's preparedness to deal with national health emergencies. Governor Thompson has been a strong leader for the Department at an important time in its history, and I've admired his integrity and effectiveness. I wish him the very best."