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## **SENATOR GREGG NAMED TO NEW HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today was appointed to the new Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, which will determine federal spending for the new Department of Homeland Security. The new Department, created by the merging of twenty-two federal agencies into a central clearinghouse for defending the security of our nation, is responsible for border, transportation and infrastructure security, emergency preparedness and response, and analysis of intelligence data. Unlike the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate has no authorizing committee for Homeland Security, so the new Homeland Security subcommittee will be the center for all homeland security issues in the Senate, including counter-terrorism.

Senator Gregg stated, "It is a great honor for me to be appointed to the new Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. Over the past five years as the top Republican on the Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Subcommittee, I have used my capacity to focus on increasing and coordinating our nation's counter-terrorism efforts, including chairing a series of hearings in May of 2001 during which top officials from a variety of federal agencies that had some jurisdiction over homeland security testified.

"The members of this new Subcommittee have a tremendous task ahead of us. We are charged with recognizing and aggressively funding the new Department of Homeland Security to keep our nation's borders, transportation system and interior safe from terrorists attacks, as well as serving in an oversight role for the Senate to ensure that the Department is functioning in the most effective way possible. How our nation prevents and responds to future terrorists acts is a charge Congress has been meeting head-on for the past eighteen months, and I look forward to being able to further our progress through the new subcommittee."

As well as serving on the new Homeland Security Subcommittee, Senator Gregg serves as Chairman of the Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Subcommittee and also sits on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Interior, Labor/Health and Human Services, and Foreign Operations.

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