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NEWS

Chairman Enzi Kicks Off Budget and Spending Process Reform Hearings Focused on Bipartisan Solutions

Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, began a new series of hearings focused on finding bipartisan solutions to fix America's broken budget and spending process. The first hearing included two former Senate Budget Committee chairmen, Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and Kent Conrad (D-ND), to share their perspectives.

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Phillip Swagel to Succeed Keith Hall as Director of the Congressional Budget Office

Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, announced the appointment of Dr. Phillip L. Swagel to serve as Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Swagel will serve as CBO director from June 3, 2019, through the term expiring January 3, 2023.

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[WALL STREET JOURNAL](#) - Phillip Swagel Named Next Congressional Budget Office Director

BALTIMORE SUN - 'He's respected on both sides of the aisle': Maryland professor Phillip L. Swagel named CBO director

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:

Charles Blahous, a senior research strategist at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and former deputy director of the National Economic Council under President George W. Bush

"Phill's a terrific choice. His credentials as a top-tier economist are unassailable, and he's respected on both sides of the aisle."

Robert L. Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition

Swagel is a "highly respected economist who will uphold CBO's deserved reputation for independence and integrity."

Jason Furman, former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Barack Obama

"Phill Swagel would be a great choice for CBO Director. He is an excellent economist and thoughtful person who would uphold and build on the best traditions of this essential institution."

Michael R. Strain, Director of Economic Policy Studies at AEI

"Swagel is an excellent economist who will command the respect of CBO's first-rate staff and whose analysis as CBO director will carry enormous authority. And Swagel will protect and strengthen CBO's culture of making sound analytical judgments that are independent of partisan politics."

Keith Hennessey, former director of the National Economic Council under President George W. Bush

Swagel is a "terrific pick to run CBO. His intellect, professionalism and demeanor are perfect for CBO. Most importantly, he is intellectually honest and will tell hard truths to legislators, whether they want to hear them or not."

Jason Grumet, President Bipartisan Policy Center

"Swagel is a first-rate economist and a dedicated public servant. Phill is the right person at the right time to anchor CBO's essential role in the legislative process...Swagel is also uniquely skilled at explaining complex economic analysis, which is essential to CBO's impact and credibility...The nation is well-served to have Phill Swagel continuing CBO's unwavering commitment to provide Congress and the nation with expert and objective fiscal analysis."