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Max Baucus, Ranking Member

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Baucus Applauds Committee Action on John Breaux Elder Justice Act
Senator Looking Forward to Consideration by Senate

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) The Senate Finance Committee favorably considered the John Breaux Elder Justice Act of 2004 yesterday, voting to send it to [the](#) full Senate by a vote of 20 to 0.

Baucus said, "I am very pleased that the Finance Committee was so overwhelmingly in support of this important legislation. It is high time for the federal government to dedicate attention and resources to stemming the problems of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation."

The Breaux Act, renamed by Senator Baucus in honor of its sponsor, outgoing Senator John Breaux (D-LA), is aimed at bringing the problems of elder mistreatment into specific relief at the federal level for the first time. It would provide much needed resources to help the federal government begin to understand the nature, scope and magnitude of elder mistreatment as a first step [toward](#) ending the problem.

Baucus, a co-sponsor of the legislation, added that he now looked forward to working with his colleagues in the Senate to successfully pass the Breaux Act.

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