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STATEMENT BY SENATORS McCAIN AND KYL

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Jon Kyl (R-AZ) today made the following statement regarding the House of Representatives' failure to pass the Senate's border security bill:

“The refusal of Speaker Nancy Pelosi to take up and pass the Senate's fully paid for \$600 million border security bill is another example of politics trumping policy. Today, the Democrats have made it clear that once again they are more interested in scoring political points than actually taking steps to pass strong policy and secure the border. The only difference between the Senate-passed bill and what the House passed today was the substitution of the words ‘House bill’ for ‘Senate bill.’ It raises the question whether House Democrats want the result or the credit.

“Of course, the entire parliamentary game could have been avoided if Senate Democrats had chosen to take up and pass the McCain-Kyl legislation that was fully paid for and not susceptible to this kind of parliamentary tactic by the House.

“We call on Senator Reid to end this game of ‘political ping pong’ and immediately bring the Senate back into session to approve this legislation and send it to the President's desk. There is no reason \$600 million dollars for border security should be sidelined through the month of August simply because of political games. Arizonans and others living on the border deserve better – for some it's a matter of life and death...#157;