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Bringing Transparency and Accountability to the Earmark Process

"The current earmarking process is broken, and I'm working to get the problem fixed. Montanans deserve value for their hard-earned tax dollars and accountability in government."

— CONGRESSMAN DENNY REHBERG

MORE TRANSPARENCY NEEDED IN EARMARK SPENDING:

Each year, billions of dollars in spending is "earmarked" for projects sponsored by members of Congress. In many cases, these earmarks are legitimate, and the dollars are well spent. However, sometimes these funds are not approved through the standard processes and instead are slipped into bills at the last moment, which is not good fiscal policy.

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America's massive deficit is not due to folks being under-taxed, it's due to Washington's over-spending. One way we can fight back is through **earmark spending reform.**

The \$320 million "bridge to nowhere" in Alaska. The \$1 million for Sen. Clinton's "hippie museum" to honor Woodstock. The \$50 million earmark for an indoor rainforest in Iowa. The list goes on and on.

These are just a few examples of the wasteful use of taxpayer dollars made possible through the current earmark process.

We can all agree the federal budget is out of control. It's time Congress begins to fix the "leaky faucet" that is government spending by enacting comprehensive earmark reform.



Rehberg Introduces Critical Earmark Reform Legislation

Congressman Denny Rehberg recently introduced legislation to establish a Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform. Denny's bill would create a bipartisan committee, consisting of both House and Senate members, which would be charged with developing a commonsense proposal on reforming the earmark process.

- The Committee on Earmark Reform would be composed of 16 members, evenly split between the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, Republicans and Democrats.
- The study will cover earmarking practices in the House, the Senate and the Executive Branch, including those in authorizing, appropriation, and tax measures.
- Findings would be reported back to the House and Senate within six months, and while the report is being conducted, no earmarks would be considered by either body.



Denny talks with a fellow Montanan about making the federal government more accountable to taxpayers.

"As Montana's Congressman, I'll continue to fight wasteful spending and increased taxes. A successful, prosperous America depends on a government that budgets and spends wisely, and a government that lets you keep more of your hard-earned money. I will continue to push for fiscally responsible spending."

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