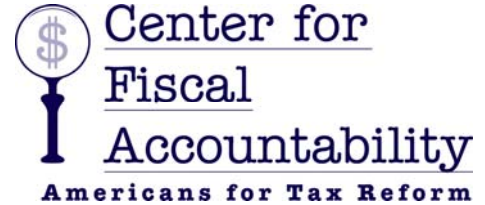




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ATR/CENTER FOR FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY MAY RATE A VOTE FOR THE DEMINT EARMARK AMENDMENT TO S. 3001

Today, the U.S. Senate will vote on a DOD authorization bill which recognizes \$6 billion in earmarks set forth in the committee report, effectively giving them the force of law without writing them into the bill's text. An amendment by DeMint removes Sec. 1002, making the earmarks listed in the report language ineffective. This amendment will strike out \$6 billion in illegitimate and hidden earmarks. Americans for Tax Reform and the Center for Fiscal Accountability MAY RATE a vote for the DeMint amendment.

S. 3001 clearly and directly contradicts an executive order given in January of this year stating that Congress should “not commit, obligate, or expend funds on the basis of earmarks included in any non-statutory source, including requests in reports of committees.” Allowing policy to be carried out in the way this bill proposes will result in more earmarks and needless, not to mention illegitimate, spending.

Earmarks are currently an issue receiving huge amounts of scrutiny, press and constituent attention. Allowing these billions of dollars in hidden earmarks to be spent is not only irresponsible to taxpayers but is truly illegitimate in this case.

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