

111TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1289

Expressing the sense of the House that Democratic Members of the House should join Republican Members of the House in a total ban on earmarks for one year, that total discretionary spending should be reduced by the amount saved by earmark moratoriums, and that a bipartisan, bicameral committee should be created to review and overhaul the budgetary, spending, and earmark processes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. PENCE, Mr. McCOTTER, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BONNER, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. DENT, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DREIER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EHLERS, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HARPER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. ISSA, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MACK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. MICA, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr.

MORAN of Kansas, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NUNES, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. POSEY, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. ROSKAM, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. SCALISE, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. THORBERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. TURNER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. SIMPSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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Whereas families all across our Nation must make tough decisions each day about what they can and cannot afford;

Whereas Government officials should be required to exercise an even higher standard when spending taxpayers' hard-earned income;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "To preserve [the] independence [of the people,] we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election

between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude.”;

Whereas our national debt is at its highest level ever;

Whereas the Federal budget deficit is projected to exceed \$1 trillion for the next two fiscal years and hover around \$800 billion annually for the foreseeable future;

Whereas current levels of spending are simply unsustainable;

Whereas it is time for Congress to wake up and see that the Federal deficits and the national debt have reached crisis status;

Whereas Congress must control spending, paving the way for a return to surpluses and ultimately paying down the national debt, rather than allow big spenders to lead us further down the road of chronic deficits and in so doing leave our children and grandchildren saddled with debt that is not their own; and

Whereas Republican Members of the House have adopted a one-year total moratorium on all congressional earmarks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) Democratic Members of the House should
4 join Republican Members of the House in a total
5 ban on earmarks for one year;

6 (2) discretionary spending should be reduced in
7 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal
8 year 2011 by the total amount that was spent on re-
9 quests for earmarks in fiscal year 2010;

1 (3) if spending in that resolution is not so re-
2 duced by the amount spent for earmarks in fiscal
3 year 2010, an amendment to that resolution to ef-
4 fectuate this change should be made in order; and

5 (4) a complete review and overhaul of the con-
6 gressional budgetary, spending, and earmark proc-
7 esses should be commenced by creating a bipartisan,
8 bicameral committee to study the issue and submit
9 a report to the House and Senate with its rec-
10 ommendations.

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