Purpose: To save at least $7.3 billion by terminating leftover congressional earmark accounts.


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Viz:

1. At the end of title V, add the following:

2. SEC. __. TERMINATING LEFTOVER CONGRESSIONAL EARMARK ACCOUNTS.

3. (a) In General.—Any language specifying an earmark in an appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010, or in a committee report or joint explanatory statement accompanying such an Act, shall have no legal effect.

4. (b) Definition.—For purposes of this section, the term “earmark” means a congressional earmark or congressionally directed spending item, as defined in clause 9(e) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and paragraph 5(a) of rule XLIV.
(c) Reduction Required.—Any funds appropriated in fiscal year 2011 to any program shall be reduced by the total amount of congressional earmarks or congressionally directed spending items contained within a committee report or joint explanatory statement accompanying such an Act that provided appropriations to the program in fiscal year 2010.

(d) Rescission.—The amounts reduced by subsection (c) are rescinded and returned to the Treasury.

(e) Prior Law.—Subsections (c) and (d) shall not apply to any programs or accounts that were reduced in the same manner by Public Law 112–4 or any other bill that takes effect prior to date of enactment of this Act.