

## **AMENDMENT 274 – SAVES TAXPAYERS AT LEAST \$4.8 BILLION BY TERMINATING LEFTOVER CONGRESSIONAL EARMARK ACCOUNTS.**

Recently Congress passed two continuing resolution, which combined cut \$5.3 billion in “funding that was made available in fiscal year 2010 that would have gone to earmarked programs and projects.”

According to House Appropriations Committee, the earmark account funding “was automatically renewed in the CR approved by the previous Congress in December. In previous years, this funding would have gone to earmarked programs and projects.”

A recent Congressional Research Service (CRS) report revealed there is at least \$4.8 billion leftover congressional earmark accounts remaining. In another report, CRS stated, “Unless cut by future FY 2011 appropriations action, this funding (along with other Administration earmarks) would be available to the agencies....”

The CRS summary provides:

H.J. Res. 48 makes \$2.6 billion of reductions to 51 earmarked accounts across 4 appropriations bills. The preceding CR (P.L. 112-4) made \$2.8 billion of reductions to 49 different earmarked accounts in 5 different appropriations bills. Thus, together, these two CRs have cut \$5.3 billion from 100 of 192 earmarked accounts across 9 of the 11 appropriations bills with earmarks. For some accounts, the reduction equal the total amount of earmarks in each account. For others, the reduction equals or approximates the subset of Member-only earmarks (excluding what are disclosed as Administration earmarks). In yet other cases, the reduction exceeds the amount of earmarks. Only the Defense and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs appropriations bills remain untouched by the reductions in earmarked accounts.

This amendment would terminate leftover congressional earmark accounts, which would save taxpayers at least \$4.8 billion.

Specifically, the amendment states, “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.”

| <u>Earmarks in FY2010 regular appropriations</u> |                      |                        |                     |                 |                                       |                 |  |                                     |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Bill   | Department/Agency    | Account <sup>a</sup>   | <u>All earmarks</u> |                 | <u>Subset of Member-only earmarks</u> |                 | <u>Reductions in funding in FY2011 short-term CRs: P.L. 112-4 (not shaded) and H.J. Res. 48 (shaded)</u> |                                     |
|  |                      |                        | Number              | \$ million      | Number                                | \$ million      | \$ million   | Comments                            |
| Transportation-HUD                               | Fed. Railroad Admin. | R&D                    | 4                   | 2.5             | 4                                     | 2.5             |  |                                     |
| Transportation-HUD                               | Fed. Transit Admin.  | Research               | 34                  | 1.5             | 34                                    | 1.5             |  |                                     |
| Transportation-HUD                               | Fed. Aviation Admin. | Facilities & Equipment | 1                   | 4.0             | 0                                     | 0.0             |  |                                     |
| <b>Transportation-HUD Total</b>                  |                      |                        | <b>1,576</b>        | <b>3,071.1</b>  | <b>1,516</b>                          | <b>1,210.4</b>  | <b>513</b>   | <b>In P.L. 112-4</b>                |
| <b>Subtotal, P.L. 112-4</b>                      |                      |                        |                     |                 |                                       |                 | <b>2,769</b>   | <b>From 49 accounts in 5 bills</b>  |
| <b>Subtotal, H.J. Res. 48</b>                    |                      |                        |                     |                 |                                       |                 | <b>2,566</b>   | <b>From 51 accounts in 4 bills</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                               |                      |                        | <b>11,320</b>       | <b>31,953.6</b> | <b>9,281</b>                          | <b>10,151.3</b> | <b>5,335</b>   | <b>From 100 accounts in 9 bills</b> |