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Congress Loads Spending Bills with Pork and Earmarks

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Despite pledges to rein in pork, the Democratic Congress has included a combined 11,351 pork projects in the House and Senate appropriations bills.¹ If this legislation passes, thousands of government grants will be distributed based on politics, lobbying, and/or campaign donations, rather than on merit. Members of Congress should listen to the demands of frustrated voters and eliminate these projects.

Democrats Return to the Pork Barrel. Democratic leaders pledged to rein in the practice of pork-barrel spending that had skyrocketed under the Republican majority and had spawned numerous criminal corruption investigations.

First, congressional Democrats pledged to clean up the pork-barrel process. While the ethics bill signed by President Bush contained some reforms, such as requiring the names of each earmark's congressional sponsor, lawmakers significantly weakened the rest of the bill, by:

- *Removing* a provision to ban the trading of pork projects for votes;
- *Weakening* provisions aimed at stopping pork projects that financially benefit lawmakers;
- *Transferring* Senate earmark enforcement powers from the neutral Senate parliamentarian to the partisan Senate Majority Leader;
- *Permitting* bills to be voted on without first disclosing pork projects; and
- *Weakening* a provision requiring that pork projects be made available on the Internet before congressional votes.²

That is not all. Reversing earlier pledges, Congress applied these new rules only to earmarks in appropriations bills and chose to ignore earmarks in tax, entitlement, or authorization bills.³ Earlier this year, House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-Wisconsin) announced his intention to keep secret the pork projects in spending bills until *after* the bills had passed the House; the ensuing public backlash forced him to back down. The Congressional Research Service (CRS) recently announced that it will no longer track pork projects at all. By and large, the Democratic majority has not sufficiently backed up their reform rhetoric.⁴

The Democrats' other pledge was to cut the number of pork projects in half, from the 2005 peak of 13,492 to 6,746. According to the Office of Management and Budget, the number of pork projects in the spending bills thus far totals 6,651 in the House and 4,700 in the Senate, respectively.⁵ If lawmakers follow the typical practice of adding House and Senate earmarks together in conference committee, they will easily break their pledge.

Two other events stand out. Following the collapse of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis, Senator Tom Coburn (R-Oklahoma) offered an amendment calling on the Senate to place a temporary morato-

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rium on transportation pork until all structurally deficient bridges are repaired. Amazingly, the Senate voted 82–14 to prioritize pork over bridge repairs in the transportation budget.⁶

Then, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed selling \$4 billion worth of its valuable but vacant land in a super-wealthy area of west Los Angeles. This \$4 billion could then have been used to provide additional medical care for America's veterans. However, this land is also surrounded by the Beverly Hills estates of individuals like Sylvester Stallone, Tom Cruise, Tim McGraw, and Barry Bonds. When locals reportedly complained that this development would, among other things, impede the views from their mansions, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D–California) inserted an earmark to cancel the land sale. The Senate voted 66–25 to side with the Beverly Hills millionaires.⁷

The Case Against Pork. Historically, Congress funded grant programs and then asked federal agencies, governors, and mayors to award the grants competitively to the most capable applicants. But over the past decade, Congress has increasingly bypassed such competition and selected (or “earmarked”) grant recipients on its own, such as the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy and the Montana World Trade Center. Instead of submitting persuasive grant proposals to unbiased agencies, grant seekers today are often forced to play the Washington influence game and hire lobbyists to win federal funds.⁸

Giving lawmakers their own pot of taxpayer dollars to distribute as they wish invites corruption.

Not surprisingly, the media has been saturated with stories of lawmakers earmarking federal grants to projects directly benefiting campaign contributors, friends, relatives, and even themselves.

In addition to waste and corruption, lawmakers' obsession with pork raises a larger concern about the role of the federal government. Members of the U.S. Congress—a legislature that has historically debated national concerns such as war, Americans' rights, and broad economic policy—have become, in the words of Rep. Dan Lungren (R–California), “mere errand boys for local government and constituents.”⁹

So far this year, Congress has failed to address the looming tidal wave of spending for Social Security and Medicare, but it did decide that Boydton, Virginia, could use a new walking tour. Congress has not solved the burgeoning problem of the Alternative Minimum Tax, but it did decide that some bike trails in Highland, Indiana, should be upgraded. Vital national issues are being ignored by lawmakers who instead focus their energy on determining how much in tax dollars to send to the Hunting & Fishing Museum of Pennsylvania.

Tending to such matters is the responsibility of state and local governments. Perhaps Members of Congress do not believe that local governments can handle the job; former House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R–Illinois) endorsed congressional pork by asking rhetorically, “Who knows best where to put a bridge or a highway or a red light in their district?”¹⁰ Not mayors or city councils, apparently.

Of course, lawmakers say that pork projects are a vital way to “bring home federal dollars.” In reality,

1. The Office of Management and Budget is counting pork projects at <http://earmarks.omb.gov/by-tracking/summary.html>.
2. P.L. 110-81, as well as information provided by the office of Senator Tom Coburn (R–OK).
3. Jonathan Nicolson, “House Republicans Seeking Vote to Toughen Earmark Provision on Tax, Authorization Bills,” *BNA Daily Report For Executives*, September 21, 2007.
4. John Fund, “Earmark Cover-Up,” *Wall Street Journal*, March 26, 2007.
5. The Office of Management and Budget is counting pork projects at <http://earmarks.omb.gov/by-tracking/summary.html>.
6. The Senate vote is at www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00330.
7. Kimberly A. Strassel, “Rambo's View” *Wall Street Journal*, September 7, 2007. The Senate vote is at www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00312.
8. See Ronald D. Utt, Ph.D., “Is Pork Barrel Spending Ready to Explode? The Anatomy of an Earmark,” *Heritage Foundation Webmemo* No. 608, November 10, 2004, at www.heritage.org/Research/Budget/wm608.cfm.
9. John Fund, “Time for a Time-Out?” *OpinionJournal.com*, September 18, 2006, at www.opinionjournal.com/diary/?id=110008960.

they are carved out of funding streams that were already coming back to state and local governments and private organizations anyway. The money earmarked in the \$5 billion Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for parks, pools, street signs, and community centers just reduces the pot of money left over to distribute to local governments for the projects of their choosing, such as housing subsidies for poor families now stuck on the waiting list. But pork generates publicity and campaign contributions for lawmakers—who in fact have only tied strings to federal money that was already coming home.

Conclusion. If the attached pork projects were truly worthy, they should have no problem getting funded through the regular merit-based grant application process. Instead, Congress felt it necessary to bypass this process and mandate federal funding for these projects without first having to justify the projects to a federal agency. Such pork projects are a major reason why Congress's popularity remains at a historic low with the American people.

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10. Robert Novak, "Looking to Fry Pork," *The Washington Post*, January 30, 2006, p. A17.

Table I

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Sample Pork Projects in FY 2008 Appropriations Bills

Amount	Project	Body	Bill	Requesting Member
\$2,000,000	Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service, City College of New York	House	Labor-HHS	Rangel
\$1,000,000	Clinton School of Public Service, Little Rock, Arkansas	Senate	Labor-HHS	Lincoln; Pryor
\$200,000	Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada	House	Labor-HHS	Berkley
\$500,000	Our Piece of the Pie, Hartford, Connecticut	House	Labor-HHS	Larson
\$50,000	Everybody Wins!	House	Financial Services	LaHood
\$400,000	Montana World Trade Center	House	Financial Services	Rehberg
\$3,743,014	Formosan Subterranean Termite	House	Agriculture	Alexander; Baker
\$1,500,000	AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, Washington, D.C.	Senate	Labor-HHS	Harkin
\$100,000	Signage and Streetscape, Los Angeles Fashion District	House	Transp-HUD	Roybal-Allard
\$100,000	The Hunting & Fishing Museum of Pennsylvania	House	Transp-HUD	Peterson (PA)
\$500,000	Street Extension, Champaign, Illinois	House	Transp-HUD	Johnson (IL)
\$400,000	The Rock School RockReach Program, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Brady (PA); Sestak
\$1,000,000	Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam, Ohio River	Senate	Energy & Water	President
\$7,500,000	Harkin Grant Program, Iowa Department of Education	Senate	Labor-HHS	Harkin
\$5,925,000	Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program, Houston, Texas	Senate	State-Foreign Ops	N/A
\$250,000	Lou Frey Institute of Politics, University of Central Florida	House	Labor-HHS	Keller
\$700,000	Matsui Center for Politics and Public Service	House	Labor-HHS	Lee
\$280,000	University of Virginia Center for Politics	House	Labor-HHS	Forbes; Goode
\$108,000	Monticello and Price Vault Toilet Installations, Utah	House	Interior	President
\$500,000	National Council of La Raza	Senate	Labor-HHS	Harkin
\$500,000	Ronald Reagan Parkway, Indiana	House	Transp-HUD	Buyer
\$100,000	Develop a Walking Tour of Boydton, Virginia	House	Transp-HUD	Goode
\$750,000	FDR Presidential Library	Senate	Financial Services	Clinton; Schumer; Reid
\$3,760,000	LBJ Presidential Library	Senate	Financial Services	Hutchison
\$1,000,000	Nixon Presidential Library	Senate	Financial Services	Cochran
\$2,000,000	Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation	Senate	State-Foreign Ops	N/A
\$500,000	George Mitchell Fellowship Program	Senate	State-Foreign Ops	N/A
\$50,000	George and Eleanor McGovern Library, Dakota Wesleyan University	House	Labor-HHS	Herseth-Sandlin
\$500,000	Arkansas World Trade Center	Senate	Commerce, Justice & Science	Lincoln; Pryor
\$200,000	OneWorld Now!, Seattle, Washington	House	Labor-HHS	McDermott
\$250,000	James K. Polk Association, Columbia, Tennessee	Senate	Labor-HHS	Alexander
\$225,000	Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville, New York	House	Labor-HHS	Lowey
\$150,000	National Teacher's Hall of Fame, Emporia, Kansas	House	Labor-HHS	Moran (KS)
\$300,000	Renovate the Bhul Farm, Sharon, Pennsylvania	House	Transp-HUD	English
\$150,000	Rodent Control on the Aleutian Islands	Senate	Agriculture	Stevens
\$97,000	Spunky Bottoms, Illinois	House	Energy & Water	Lahood
\$500,000	Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems (U.S.), Inc.	Senate	Energy & Water	Brown; Voinovich

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\$300,000	Greater Akron Chamber, Akron, Ohio	House	Labor-HHS	Ryan (OH)
\$250,000	Construct the Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center in Washington	House	Transp-HUD	Hastings (WA)
\$4,000,000	Fourteen-Mile CSX Bridge, Alabama	Senate	Homeland Security	Shelby
\$100,000	Kansas Regional Prisons Museum, Lansing, Kansas	House	Labor-HHS	Boyda
\$3,000,000	Raza Development Fund of La Raza	Senate	Transp-HUD	13 Senators
\$250,000	Schoenbaum Family Enrichment Center, Charleston, West Virginia	House	Labor-HHS	Capito
\$913,000	Hungry Horse Project, Montana	House	Energy & Water	President
\$100,000	I KNOW I CAN, Columbus, Ohio	House	Labor-HHS	Pryce
\$150,000	Jazz Center at Lincoln Center, New York, New York	House	Labor-HHS	Nadler
\$50,000	Construct a National Mule and Packers Museum, Bishop, California	House	Transp-HUD	McKeon
\$88,000	Pee Dee Healthy Start, Florence, South Carolina	House	Labor-HHS	Clyburn
\$150,000	W.A. Young & Sons Foundry, Greene County, Pennsylvania	House	Interior	Murtha
\$75,000	People for People, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	House	Labor-HHS	Fattah
\$1,000,000	FM509 Extension, Texas	Senate	Transp-HUD	Cornyn; Hutchison
\$50,000	Grand As Parents, Very Important People (VIP) Program	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Fattah
\$1,000,000	Irish Institute, Boston, Massachusetts	Senate	State-Foreign Ops	N/A
\$200,000	Italian-American Cultural Center of Des Moines, Iowa	Senate	Labor-HHS	Harkin
\$200,000	Land acquisition, Renovation, and Construction of the Ottawa (Kansas) Industrial Park	House	Transp-HUD	Boyda
\$100,000	No Workshops No Jumpshots Program, Gary, Indiana	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Visclosky
\$400,000	City National Bank Building, Iowa	Senate	Interior	Harkin; Grassley
\$400,000	Fulton Dr. and Wales Ave., Intersection Improvement, Ohio	House	Transp-HUD	Regula
\$800,000	Father's Day Rally Committee, Inc.	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Fattah
\$500,000	Belleville Road/Ecorse Road Intersection, Wayne, Michigan	House	Transp-HUD	McCotter
\$750,000	Heart of America Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge, Missouri	Senate	Transp-HUD	Bond
\$150,000	Holbrook Public Library, Massachusetts	Senate	Labor-HHS	Kennedy; Kerry
\$400,000	Improve Bike Trails in Highland, Indiana	House	Transp-HUD	Visclosky
\$50,000	Lola Public Library, Lola, Kansas	House	Labor-HHS	Boyda
\$100,000	Philadelphia Art Museum	House	Interior	Fattah; Brady (PA)
\$200,000	National Student and Parent Mock Election	House	Financial Services	
\$200,000	American Ballet Theatre, New York, New York	Senate	Commerce, Justice & Science	Clinton; Schumer
\$200,000	American Jazz Museum, Kansas City, Missouri	House	Labor-HHS	Cleaver
\$250,000	Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley, California	House	Transp-HUD	Lee
\$400,000	Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania	Senate	Energy & Water	Casey; Specter
\$878,046	Catfish Genome, Auburn, Alabama	House	Agriculture	Davis (AL); Rogers (AL)
\$250,000	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois	House	Transp-HUD	LaHood

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\$300,000	Dial-a-Ride, Alma, Michigan	House	Transp-HUD	Camp
\$600,000	Ketchikan Harbor, Alaska	Senate	Energy & Water	President; Stevens
\$150,000	Muntu Dance Theater, Chicago, Illinois	House	Transp-HUD	Rush
\$125,000	Time and Space Limited Theater Company, New York	House	Transp-HUD	Gillibrand
\$231,000	Detroit Renaissance	House	Financial Services	Conyers
\$81,000	Bronx Council on the Arts	House	Financial Services	Serrano
\$9,069,000	Fryingpan-Arkansas Project	House	Energy & Water	President
\$470,000	Asian Long-Horned Beetle, Illinois	Senate	Agriculture	Durbin
\$1,000,000	B-WET Chesapeake Bay, Maryland	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Hoyer
\$100,000	Gwen's Girls, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Doyle
\$100,000	James A. Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, Pennsylvania	House	Labor-HHS	Murphy, Patrick (PA)
\$250,000	Construction in Conjunction with a 240-acre Industrial Development Park, Jackson, Alabama	House	Transp-HUD	Bonner
\$105,000	Graffiti Deterrence Technologies, Rosemead, California	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Solis
\$231,000	Buffalo Niagara International Trade Foundation	House	Financial Services	Higgins; Reynolds
\$150,000	Devon Theatre of Performing Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	House	Transp-HUD	Schwartz
\$500,000	Girls, Inc.	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Crenshaw
\$628,843	Grape Genetics, Geneva, New York	House	Agriculture	Hinchey; Walsh
\$450,000	In Tune Foundation Group, Washington, D.C.	House	Labor-HHS	Hoyer
\$150,000	Burpee Museum, Rockford, Illinois	House	Labor-HHS	Manzullo
\$100,000	Renovate the Wakely Lodge Resort in New York	House	Transp-HUD	McHugh
\$500,000	Twin Cities Public Television, St. Paul, Minnesota	House	Labor-HHS	McCollum
\$100,000	Murray Athletic Center, New York	House	Transp-HUD	Kuhl
\$250,000	Exploratorium, San Francisco, California	House	Labor-HHS	Pelosi
\$100,000	Cypress Creek Fine Art Association, Texas	House	Transp-HUD	Poe
\$250,000	State Route 218 Extension, Tennessee	House	Transp-HUD	Tanner
\$450,000	Richmond (California) Police Activities League One-Stop Youth Center	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Miller, George (CA)
\$200,000	Louisiana Arts and Sciences Museum, Baton Rouge, Louisiana	House	Labor-HHS	Baker
\$250,000	Bellevue (Washington) Arts Museum	House	Labor-HHS	Reichert
\$297,000	Database of North Carolina's Agriculture Industry	House	Agriculture	Price (NC)
\$250,000	Jimmie Hale Mission Men's Center Education and Administration Building	House	Transp-HUD	Aderholt; Bachus
\$2,400,000	Urban Collector Road, Mississippi	Senate	Transp-HUD	Cochran
\$500,000	Missouri Theater	Senate	Interior	Bond
\$300,000	Dunbar Theater, Wichita Kansas	House	Transp-HUD	Tiaht
\$500,000	YMCA of Central Stark County, Ohio	House	Labor-HHS	Regula
\$100,000	Agricultural Reform Movement Building	House	Interior	Gordon

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\$250,000	Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York	House	Labor-HHS	Walsh
\$836,000	Jack Berryman Institute, Utah	Senate	Agriculture	Bennett; Cochran
\$250,000	Museum of Utah Art & History	Senate	Labor-HHS	Bennett
\$250,000	Morris Museum, Morristown, New Jersey	House	Labor-HHS	Frelinghuysen
\$350,000	Des Moines (Iowa) Art Center	Senate	Labor-HHS	Harkin
\$100,000	Bright Beginnings, Inc.	House	Financial Services	Walsh
\$250,000	Warner Theatre, Torrington, Connecticut	House	Transp-HUD	Murphy (CT)
\$500,000	Bulk Production of Metallic Glass, Ohio	House	Energy & Water	Kucinich
\$200,000	Renovate the Scottish Rite Theatre, Collingsworth, New Jersey	Senate	Transp-HUD	Lautenberg; Menendez
\$250,000	Center for Entrepreneurial Growth, Hamilton County, Tennessee	Senate	Financial Services	Alexander
\$500,000	Flagler County Bus and Bus Facilities, Florida	House	Transp-HUD	Mica
\$244,077	Bee Research, Weslaco, Texas	House	Agriculture	Edwards
\$213,386	Olive Fruit Fly, Montpelier, France	House	Agriculture	Thompson (CA)
\$100,000	WE CARE San Jacinto Valley (California), Inc.	House	Labor-HHS	Lewis (CA)
\$250,000	Yates Dial-A-Ride, Michigan	House	Transp-HUD	Hoekstra
\$231,000	Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission, Illinois	House	Financial Services	Jackson Jr.
\$250,000	Project for Public Spaces	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Velazquez
\$100,000	Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York	House	Labor-HHS	Israel
\$175,000	Cactus Health Services, Inc., Sanderson, Texas	House	Labor-HHS	Rodriguez
\$200,000	Sidewalks, Street Furniture, and Façade Improvements, Guam	House	Transp-HUD	Bordallo
\$35,000	Folly Beach, South Carolina	Senate	Energy & Water	President
\$375,000	An Achievable Dream, Newport News, Virginia	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Davis, Jo Ann (VA); Scott (VA)
\$500,000	Littleton (New Hampshire) Opera House	Senate	Interior	Gregg
\$150,000	Renovate and Construct the Lederer Theater, Rhode Island	House	Transp-HUD	Kennedy
\$50,000	Woodbridge (New Jersey) Historical Museum	House	Transp-HUD	Ferguson
\$10,695,000	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	House	Labor-HHS	Hoyer; Jackson Jr.
\$1,000,000	Bluegrass Pride WAFER Projects, Kentucky	House	Energy & Water	Chandler
\$200,000	American West Heritage Center, Wellsville, Utah	House	Labor-HHS	Bishop (UT)
\$150,000	Brooklyn Arts Council	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Velazquez
\$250,000	State Route 794 Relocation Initiative, Ohio	House	Transp-HUD	Hobson
\$150,000	Construct an Urban Bikeway, West Paterson, New Jersey	House	Transp-HUD	Pascrell
\$735,000	Barley Research, Idaho	Senate	Agriculture	Craig; Crapo
\$800,000	Alabama Department of Revenue for GIS mapping	Senate	Commerce, Justice & Science	Shelby
\$250,000	Riverfront Development, Phenix City, Alabama	House	Transp-HUD	Rogers (AL)
\$6,000,000	Central Corridor Light Rail, Ramsey County, Minnesota	House	Transp-HUD	Ellison; McCollum

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\$200,000	Huntington (West Virginia) Police Department	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Rahall
\$250,000	Peoria (Illinois) NEXT Innovation Center	House	Financial Services	LaHood
\$250,000	Western Maryland Welcome Center	House	Transp-HUD	Bartlett
\$300,000	Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, Dobbs Ferry, Georgia	House	Transp-HUD	Marshall
\$350,000	Museum of Aviation Foundation, Warner Robins, Georgia	House	Labor-HHS	Marshall
\$5,000,000	Tuscaloosa, Alabama	Senate	Energy & Water	Shelby
\$750,000	Human-Robot Teams at Texas A&M University	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Edwards
\$175,000	Halfway Wash Project Study	House	Energy & Water	President
\$300,000	Baltimore (Maryland) School for the Arts	Senate	Commerce, Justice & Science	Mikulski
\$150,000	Queens Theatre in the Park, Flushing, New York	House	Labor-HHS	Ackerman
\$6,305,310	John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.	Senate	Labor-HHS	Cochran; Kennedy
\$150,000	Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, State University of New York at New Paltz	House	Labor-HHS	Hinchey
\$330,000	Boise (Idaho) District Fire Sprinklers	House	Interior	President
\$250,000	Parking Expansion, New York	House	Transp-HUD	Lowey
\$135,907	Potato Breeding in Prosser, Washington	House	Agriculture	Hastings (WA); McMorris-Rodgers
\$200,000	Baptist and Brighton Road Intersection, Pennsylvania	House	Transp-HUD	Murphy, Tim (PA)
\$250,000	Discovery Center of Idaho	House	Labor-HHS	Simpson
\$150,000	Troy (Michigan) Chamber of Commerce	House	Transp-HUD	Knollenberg
\$7,000,000	Arctic Energy Office, Alaska	Senate	Energy & Water	Stevens
\$200,000	Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nevada	House	Labor-HHS	Porter
\$500,000	Edwards Street Improvement, Springfield, Massachusetts	House	Transp-HUD	Neal
\$100,000	Mid-America Arts Alliance, Kansas City, Missouri	Senate	Labor-HHS	Nelson (NE)
\$2,000,000	Salton Sea Research Project, California	House	Energy & Water	President; Filner; Hunter
\$150,000	Bishop Museum, Hawaii	Senate	Labor-HHS	Inouye
\$300,000	American Airpower Museum, Farmingdale, New York	House	Labor-HHS	Israel
\$600,000	Genessee County, Michigan	Senate	Energy & Water	Levin; Stabenow
\$500,000	Camp Barnabas, Missouri	Senate	Transp-HUD	Bond
\$275,000	Transylvania Community Hospital, Brevard, North Carolina	House	Labor-HHS	Shuler
\$250,000	Big Top Chautauqua, Wisconsin	House	Labor-HHS	Obey
\$1,250,000	Alabama Department of Corrections	Senate	Commerce, Justice & Science	Shelby
\$100,000	Waldo County (Maine) Preschool & Family Services	Senate	Labor-HHS	Collins; Snowe
\$100,000	Municipality of Gurabo for Construction of a Recreational and Cultural Center	House	Transp-HUD	Fortuno
\$62,000	Dismal Swamp and Dismal Swamp Canal, Virginia	House	Energy & Water	President; Forbes
\$392,832	Citrus Waste Utilization, Winter Haven, Florida	House	Agriculture	Mahoney (FL); Putnam

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\$100,000	Coastal Wind, Ohio	House	Energy & Water	Gillmor; Kaptur
\$150,000	Simsbury (Connecticut) Public Library	House	Transp-HUD	Murphy (CT)
\$200,000	Lobster Institute CORE Initiative	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Allen
\$200,000	New Mexico Sheriff and Police Athletic League	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Udall (NM); Wilson (NM)
\$250,000	Mohawk Theater Restoration, North Adams, Massachusetts	Senate	Transp-HUD	Kennedy; Kerry
\$297,000	Beaver Management, North Carolina	House	Agriculture	Price (NC)
\$545,010	Karnal Bunt, Manhattan, Kansas	House	Agriculture	4 Kansas Reps.
\$150,000	College Park (Maryland) Aviation Museum	House	Labor-HHS	Hoyer
\$100,000	Anderson (South Carolina) Arts Center	House	Transp-HUD	Barrett
\$100,000	Police Athletic League Miccio Center in Red Hook, Brooklyn, New York	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Velazquez
\$40,000	Howard University College of Dentistry	House	Financial Services	Norton
\$2,500,000	B-WET California	House	Commerce, Justice & Science	Farr; Pelosi
\$34,500,000	Alaska Native Educational Equity Assistance Program	Senate	Labor-HHS	Stevens
\$50,000	Network for Instructional TV, Reston, Virginia	House	Labor-HHS	Moran (VA)
\$100,000	Improve the South Airport Industrial Park site, Ohio	House	Transp-HUD	Gillmor
\$250,000	Guam Community College, Mangilao, Guam	House	Labor-HHS	Bordallo
\$2,000,000	Atlanta, Georgia	Senate	Energy & Water	President; Chambliss; Isakson
\$5,000,000	Norfolk (Virginia) Light Rail Project	House	Transp-HUD	Scott (VA)
\$100,000	Tri-State Center for the Arts	House	Transp-HUD	Murphy (CT)
\$400,000	Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa	Senate	Labor-HHS	Harkin
\$325,000	Rio Hondo College Buses, Los Angeles, California	House	Transp-HUD	Napolitano
\$1,000,000	Bethel Performing Arts Center, New York	Senate	Labor-HHS	Clinton; Schumer
\$500,000	Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park	House	Interior	Wamp
\$200,000	Huntsville (Alabama) Museum of Art	House	Transp-HUD	Cramer
\$100,000	Canton (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra Association	House	Labor-HHS	Regula
\$1,000,000	Light Brown Apple Moth	Senate	Agriculture	N/A
\$100,000	Guam Hagatna River Flood Control	House	Energy & Water	President; Bordallo
\$769,230	Yazoo Diversion Canal, Mississippi	Senate	Energy & Water	Cochran
\$100,000	New College of Florida, Sarasota, Florida	House	Labor-HHS	Buchanan
\$50,000	Jefferson Barracks Heritage Foundation Museum, St. Louis, Missouri	House	Labor-HHS	Carnahan
\$2,000,000	Cooling, Heating, and Power at Mississippi State University	Senate	Energy & Water	Cochran
\$150,000	Bus Replacement, Lawrence, Kansas	House	Transp-HUD	Moore (KS)
\$800,000	Advanced Green Design for Museum of Natural History, Minnesota	House	Energy & Water	McCollum

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