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OMB Director Praises House Passage of Earmark Reform

WASHINGTON - Today, OMB Director Rob Portman praised the passage of earmark reform in the House of Representatives.

"This week should be dubbed 'transparency' week in Congress. With today's passage of H.Res. 1000, the House has taken a good first step to reform the practice known as earmarking. The Administration supports these efforts to expose spending and tax provisions to the light of day, and ensure lawmakers are held accountable to the taxpayers for their submissions," Director Portman said.

In the last week, the House and the Senate have both approved S. 2590, a bill that calls upon OMB to create a user-friendly website so taxpayers can easily review how the Federal government spends taxpayer dollars.

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