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Congressman Flake Disappointed that Earmark Moratorium Pulled From Budget Resolution

Appropriators Refuse Pork Diet

Washington, D.C. - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, who represents the state's Sixth District, today was disappointed by news that a proposed moratorium on earmarks would not be included in the Fiscal Year 2005 House Budget Resolution.

House Budget Chairman Jim Nussle had wanted to include a moratorium on congressional pet projects that usurp scrutiny by the relevant committee, but he had to drop the idea after protests from House GOP Leadership and the House Appropriations Committee.

"We can talk about fiscal responsibility all we want, but as long as Congress continues to dole out billions of dollars in pork-barrel projects every year, nobody is going to take us seriously," said Flake.

"Especially troubling is the fact that our Party seems to have cast aside any appearance of restraining in pork-barrel spending. We'd rather send out press releases bragging about pork projects than tackling the serious problem of runaway spending and ballooning deficits."

Congressman Flake proposed a moratorium on earmarks in early February and will continue to work with other fiscal conservatives and conservative groups on a plan to institute a moratorium.

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