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## Center for Fiscal Accountability Urges Vote in Support of Flake-Campbell Amendment to H.R. 6599

The Center for Fiscal Accountability, a project of Americans for Tax Reform, urges your support for the Flake-Campbell Amendment to the FY09 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill (H.R. 6599).

The amendment would prohibit funding for all earmarks requested by members in this bill, which add up to over \$600 million. Although some of the earmarks may have merit, the amendment takes a strong stance against the process of earmarking, which continues to lack accountability.

With a cost of over \$72 billion dollars, H.R. 6599 constitutes a steep increase of 14 percent over last year's appropriations bill. Even with all earmarks removed, the overall price tag would still only be reduced by less than one percent.

While the numerical impact of a vote in favor of the amendment is not big, there is a great symbolic significance at a time when constituents continue to express outrage over bridges to nowhere and indoor rainforests. Reforming the broken earmarks system was a promise both parties once made, and it comes as no surprise that Congress currently has the lowest approval ratings in history. Any fiscally responsible member should have no problem supporting this amendment, which would send a clear message that the time to overhaul the process is now.

### **CFA urges your vote in favor of the Flake-Campbell Amendment to H.R. 6599**

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