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From these numbers it seems to me that now more than ever we need to hold the Appropriations Committee accountable for its actions. In my mind we need a change and an immediate moratorium on earmarks so that the process can be reformed to make it fair, equitable, and fiscally sound.