

WASHINGTON, DC -

Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today voted against the \$1 Trillion Omnibus Bill (H.R. 2055), which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 296 to 121, while voting for both H.R. 3672, and H.Con.Res. 94, that passed the House by votes of 351 to 67, and 255 to 165, respectively. The three bills composed the 2012 Appropriations package that allocates funding for federal government agencies, and disaster relief.

H.R. 2055 finances the following federal agencies for 2012: Defense, Military Construction/Veterans Affairs, State/Foreign Operations, Energy and Water, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Interior/Environment, Labor/Health and Human Services/Education, and the Legislative Branch. H.R. 3672 funds disaster aid and recovery assistance, and H.Con.Res. 94 details the budget cuts necessary to pay for disaster aid and recovery assistance.

"I'm pleased that the bill reduces spending. Its enactment means savings of almost \$31 billion in discretionary spending – compared to last year. Also, I like that it includes funding for the new StratCom headquarters and VA.

"While I support much of what is included in the Omnibus bill, the reality is that the legislative process behind it has failed. We shouldn't have lumped such important bills together. We should have thoroughly and properly vetted them, one at a time.

"My vote against this Omnibus bill is my statement against an inadequate process for evaluating over \$1 trillion in federal spending," said Terry.